Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

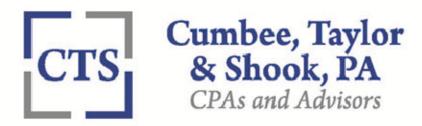
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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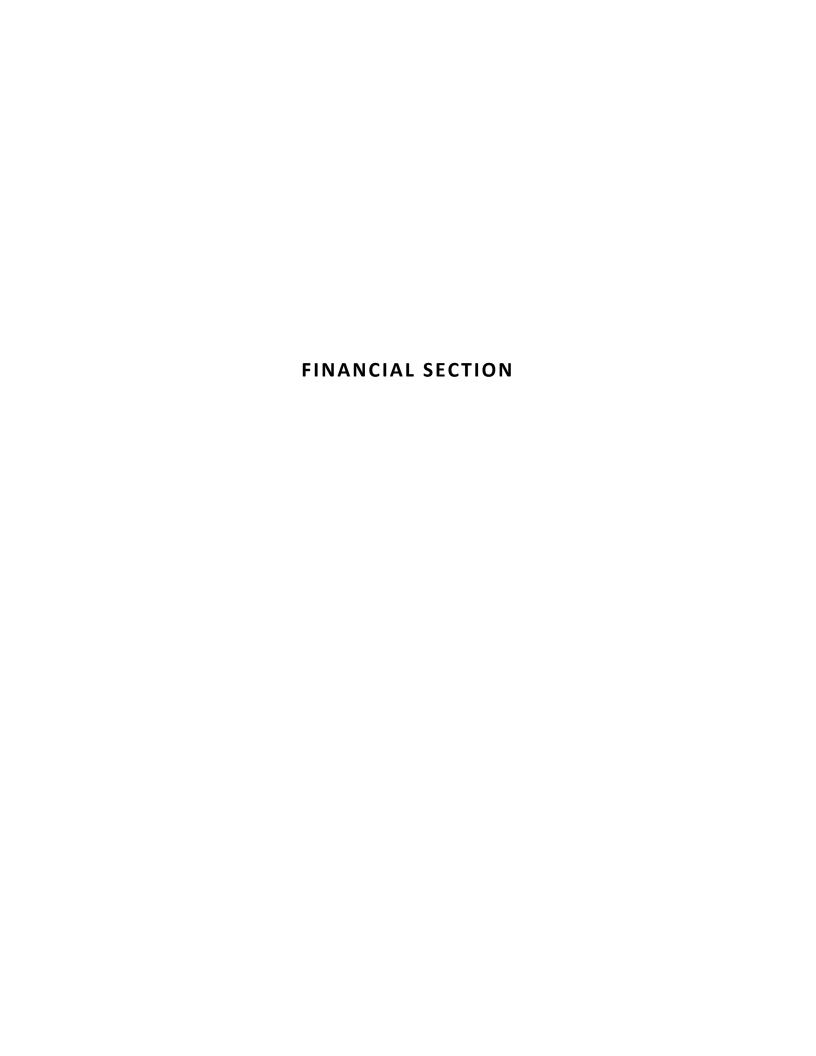
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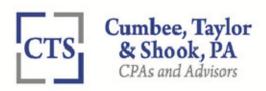
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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Commissioners Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, on pages 3 through 10 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina's basic financial statements. The individual fund schedules and other schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The individual fund schedules and other schedules 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the individual fund schedules and other schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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November 21, 2021

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Town of Bear Grass, the "Town", we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Town's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

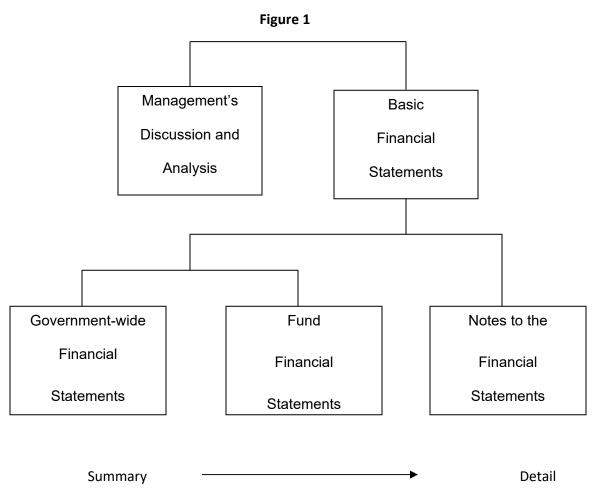
Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$199,696 (net position).
- The government's total net position increased by \$7,320, primarily due to increases in the governmental type activities net position.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$175,143 with a net increase of \$4,756 in fund balance. Approximately 11.05% of this amount, or \$19,361, is nonspendable or restricted.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$147,682, or 296.16 percent of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an [introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements consist of three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the Town through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the Town.

Required Components of Annual Financial Report



Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (Exhibits 1 and 2) in the basic financial statements are the **Government-wide Financial Statements**. They provide both short and long-term information about the Town's financial status.

The next statements (Exhibits 3 through 5) are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are two parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; and 2) the budgetary comparison statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the **notes**. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, **supplemental information** is provided to show details about the Town's individual funds. Budgetary information required by the North Carolina General Statutes also can be found in this part of the statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Town's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the Town's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the Town's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the Town's total assets and total liabilities. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the Town's financial condition.

The government-wide statements include the governmental activities. The governmental activities include most of the Town's basic services such as transportation and general administration. Property taxes and state and federal grant funds finance most of these activities.

The government-wide financial statements are on Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements (see Figure 1) provide a more detailed look at the Town's most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town like all other governmental entities in North Carolina uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the Town's budget ordinance. All of the funds of the Town are governmental funds.

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Most of the Town's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting that provides a short-term spending focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements give the reader a detailed short-term view that helps him or her determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the Town's programs. The relationship between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The Town adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the Town, the management of the Town, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the Town to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the Town complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the Town succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows

four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the board; 2) the final budget as amended by the board; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

Notes to the Financial Statements – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 18 of this report.

Interdependence with Other Entities – The Town depends on financial resources flowing from or associated with the State of North Carolina. Because of this dependency, the Town is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to State laws and State appropriations.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The Town of Bear Grass's Net Position Figure 2

	Governmental				
	 Activities				
	2021		2020		
Current assets	\$ 175,450	\$	170,715		
Capital assets	24,246		21,661		
Total assets	199,696		192,376		
Net position:					
Net investment in capital assets	24,246		21,661		
Restricted	19,361		13,034		
Unrestricted	156,089		157,681		
Total net position	\$ 199,696	\$	192,376		
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As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets of the Town exceeded liabilities by \$199,696 as of June 30, 2021. The Town's net position increased by \$7,320 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The largest portion of net position (78.16%) reflects the Town's unrestricted net position. The Town's net investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery, and equipment) represents 12.14% of net position. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's net investment in capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Town's net position, \$19,361 (9.70%), represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

Several particular aspects of the Town's financial operations positively influenced the total unrestricted governmental net position:

• Continued diligence in the collection of property taxes by maintaining a tax collection percentage of 98.60%, which is comparable to the statewide average of 97%.

Town of Bear Grass's Changes in Net Position Figure 3

	Governmental					
		Activities				
		2021		2020		
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$	19,352	\$	21,152		
Operating grants and contributions		6,786		2,491		
General revenues:						
Property taxes		15,056		14,751		
Grants and contributions not restricted to						
specific programs		12,808		11,903		
Other		4,426		1,778		
Total revenues		58,428		52,075		
Expenses:						
General government		49,476		46,057		
Transportation		1,632		10,583		
Total expenses		51,108		56,640		
Increase (decrease) in net position		7,320		(4,565)		
Net position, July 1		192,376		196,941		
Net position, June 30	\$	199,696	\$	192,376		
Net position, June 30	\$	199,696	\$	192,3		

Governmental activities. Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$7,320, thereby accounting for 100% of the total increase in the net position of the Town. The increase in the Town's net position was due to an increase in restricted funds and a decrease in transportation expenses.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Bear Grass's fund balance available in the General Fund was \$171,933, while total fund balance reached \$175,143. The Town currently has an available fund balance of 344.80% of general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 351.23% of the same amount. The Town has not adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the general fund.

The General Fund is the Town's only governmental fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights: During the fiscal year, the Town revised the budget on several occasions. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as Federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

There were several reasons the Town revised its budget throughout the year. The main budget amendment was to account for the restricted intergovernmental revenues from Martin County to be passed through to the Bear Grass Recreation, Inc.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental type activities as of June 30, 2021, totals \$24,246 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include machinery and equipment, infrastructure and leasehold improvements.

Major capital asset transactions during the year included the purchase of Christmas decorations and the two laptops and related accessories donated from Martin County.

Town of Bear Grass's Capital Assets (net of depreciation)

Figure 4

	Governmental				
	 Activit	ies			
	2021 2020				
Land	\$ -	\$	-		
Leasehold improvements	1,136		1,200		
Infrastructure	14,088		14,920		
Equipment	9,022		5,541		
Total	\$ 24,246	\$	21,661		

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in note 2 of the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-Term Debt. The Town does not have any long-term debt.

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8 percent of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for the Town is \$449,156.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following key economic factors related to the growth of the Town.

The Town of Bear Grass is located in Martin County, an economically depressed Tier 1 County and has a population according to the last census of 89. At present there are a number of unknown variables with regard to tax collections, unemployment rates, and the economy in general due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. No manufacturing or industry exists within the Town or surrounding township to provide employment. The percentage of senior citizens relative to the general town population has decreased. This change is due to deaths and the returning of young adult families with children to the Town. This is a very desirable development.

The fact the Bear Grass Charter School continues to flourish creates a positive economic impact on the Town and the surrounding Bear Grass community. The Dollar General Store located just out of the Town's boundaries has seen its business continue to grow which creates a positive impact on the general Bear Grass area. T & J's Tire and Battery has expanded and is now doing heavy farm equipment and hydraulic repairs. The owner constructed an approximately 4,800 square foot garage building adjacent to the present business that can accommodate the size and height of combines and cotton pickers and other large farm equipment. This is a thriving positive economic addition to the Town.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Governmental Activities: Budgeted revenues and expenditures in the Town's General Fund for the June 30, 2022 fiscal year are consistent with June 30, 2021's budget and includes revenues and expenditures for the annual Chicken Mull Festival.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Charlotte Griffin, Mayor of the Town of Bear Grass, 1136 Cherry Lane, Bear Grass, NC 27892. Telephone (252) 792 – 7323.



Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Statement of Net Position June 30, 2021 Exhibit 1

Primary	Government
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	 ernmental ctivities
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 155,782
Taxes receivables (net)	307
Due from other governments	3,210
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	16,151
Total current assets	175,450
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets (Note 2):	
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	24,246
Total capital assets	24,246
TOTAL ASSETS	199,696
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	24,246
Restricted for:	•
Stabilization by State Statute	3,210
Streets	11,705
Recreation	4,446
Unrestricted	156,089
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 199,696

			Program Revenues					
Functions/Programs	Expenses		Charges for Grants a		Operating Grants and Contributions		·	Il Grants nd butions
Primary government: Governmental Activities:		40.476		40.252	A		4	
General government	\$	49,476	\$	19,352	\$	-	\$	-
Recreation		-		-		4,446		-
Transportation		1,632		-		2,340		-
Total governmental								
activities (See Note 1)		51,108		19,352		6,786		
Total primary government	\$	51,108	\$	19,352	\$	6,786	\$	_

Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 Exhibit 2

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

		Primary	Government
			ental Activities
Primary government: Governmental Activities:			
General government		\$	(30,124)
Recreation		Ψ	4,446
Transportation			708
Total governmental			
activities (See Note 1)			(24,970)
Total primary government			(24,970)
General revenues: Taxes:			
Property taxes, levied f Grants and contribution			15,056
to specific programs			12,808
Unrestricted investmen	nt earnings		598
Miscellaneous	Total gamaral rayanyas		3,828
	Total general revenues		32,290
	Change in net position		7,320
	Net position, beginning		192,376
	Net position, ending	<u>Ş</u>	199,696

Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2021 Exhibit 3

	Ma	ajor Funds	Car	Total
ACCETO	Gei	neral Fund	<u> </u>	vernmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents Receivables (net):	\$	155,782 16,151	\$	155,782 16,151
Taxes		307		307
Due from other governments		3,210		3,210
Total assets	\$	175,450	\$	175,450
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Property taxes receivable	\$	307	\$	307
Total deferred inflows of resources		307		307
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted: Stabilization by State Statute Streets Recreation		3,210 11,705 4,446		3,210 11,705 4,446
Assigned: Subsequent year's expenditures Unassigned		8,100 147,682		8,100 147,682
Total fund balances		175,143		175,143
Total deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$	175,450		
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit 1) are different because:				
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.				
Gross capital assets at historical cost Accumulated depreciation	\$	69,149 (44,903)		24,246
Earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements.				307
Net position of governmental activities			\$	199,696

Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 Exhibit 4

	Major Funds General Fund			Total ernmental Funds
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 15	5,077	\$	15,077
Unrestricted intergovernmental	12	2,808		12,808
Restricted intergovernmental	ϵ	5,758		6 <i>,</i> 758
Sales and services	19	9,352		19,352
Investment earnings		626		626
Total revenues	54	1,621		54,621
Expenditures: Current:				
General government	49	9,065		49,065
Transportation		800		800
Total expenditures	49	9,865		49,865
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures /				
Net change in fund balance	2	1,756		4,756
Fund balance, beginning of year	170),387		170,387
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 175	5,143	\$	175,143

Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 Exhibit 4

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

diπerent because:		
Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 4,756
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		
Capital outlay expenditures which were capitalized Depreciation expense for governmental assets	2,386 (3,629)	(1,243)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Amount of donated assets Change in unavailable revenue for tax revenues	3,828 (21)	3,807
Total changes in net position of governmental activities		\$ 7,320

Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Annual Budget and Actual – General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 Exhibit 5

			Gene	ral Fu	nd		
						-	ance with I Budget -
					Actual		ositive
	C	riginal	Final		mounts		egative)
Revenues:							
Ad valorem taxes	\$	13,700	\$ 13,700	\$	15,077	\$	1,377
Unrestricted intergovernmental		11,675	11,675		12,808		1,133
Restricted intergovernmental		2,500	6,946		6,758		(188)
Sales and services		23,000	23,000		19,352		(3,648)
Investment earnings		600	600		626		26
Total revenues		51,475	55,921		54,621		(1,300)
Expenditures:							
Current:							
General government		54,560	54,560		49,065		5,495
Recreation		-	4,446		-		4,446
Transportation		6,000	6,000		800		5,200
Total expenditures		60,560	65,006		49,865		15,141
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(9,085)	(9,085)		4,756		13,841
Fund balance appropriated		9,085	9,085		-		(9,085)
Net change in fund balance	\$		\$ -		4,756	\$	4,756
Fund balance, beginning of year					170,387		
Fund balance, end of year			:	\$	175,143		

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town of Bear Grass conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Bear Grass is a municipal corporation which is governed by an elected mayor and a five-member council.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the *governmental* and *business-type activities* of the Town. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the Town and for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a specific function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a specific program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental – are presented. The Town has no fiduciary funds to report. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town does not have any business-type activities and therefore has no proprietary funds.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, State grants, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for street maintenance and general government services.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the Town are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 2013, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, the State of North Carolina is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts. Property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed in periods prior to September 1, 2013 and for limited registration plates are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as the beer and wine tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered a shared revenue for the Town of Bear Grass because the tax is levied by Martin County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Most intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then general revenues.

D. Budgetary Data

The Town's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal-year end. Project ordinances are adopted for Grant Projects Special Revenue Fund and the Capital Projects Fund, if needed. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. All amendments must be approved by the governing board. During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity

Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Town are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The Town may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30(c)] authorizes the Town to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high-quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT).

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and certificates of deposit purchased with an original maturity of three months or less.

Restricted Assets

Powell Bill funds are classified as restricted cash because they can be expended only for the purposes of maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing or widening of local streets per G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4. Recreation funds are also classified as restricted cash because they can be expended only on recreation activities per Martin County. This represents the County's recreation allocation that was not paid out to Bear Grass Recreation, Inc. by fiscal year end.

Town of Bear Grass Restricted Cash						
Governmental Activities						
General Fund						
Streets	\$	11,705				
Recreation		4,446				
Total governmental activities	\$	16,151				

Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the Town can levy ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year. However, the Town contracts with Martin County to levy, bill, and collect all ad valorem taxes. The taxes are due on September 1st (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6th. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2020. As allowed by State law, the Town has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes which are paid prior to the due date. In the Town's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Minimum capitalization costs are as follows: land, buildings, improvements, substations, lines, and other plant and distribution systems, infrastructure, furniture and equipment, and vehicles, \$250. Donated capital assets received prior to June 30, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after June 30, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Estimated
Asset Class	Useful Lives
Infrastructure	30
Buildings	50
Improvements	25
Vehicles	6
Furniture and equipment	10
Computer equipment	3

<u>Deferred outflows/inflows of resources</u>

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Town has no items that meet this criterion for the year ended June 30, 2021. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Town has only one item that meets the criterion for this category – property taxes receivable.

Compensated Absences

The Town does not employ any full-time employees and it does not compensate part-time employees for vacation or sick leave time. Therefore, no provision for vacation or disclosure of sick leave is included in the accompanying financial statements.

F. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in government-wide financial statements is classified as net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through state statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of five classifications, as applicable, designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State statute — North Carolina G.S. 159-8 prohibits units of government from budgeting or spending a portion of their fund balance. This is one of several statutes enacted by the North Carolina State Legislature in the 1930's that were designed to improve and maintain the fiscal health of local government units. Restricted by State statute (RSS), is calculated at the end of each fiscal year for all annually budgeted funds. The calculation in G.S. 159-8(a) provides a formula for determining what portion of fund balance is available for appropriation. The amount of fund balance not available for appropriation is what is known as "restricted by State statute". Appropriated fund balance in any fund shall not exceed the sum of cash and investments minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts, as those figures stand at the close of the fiscal year next preceding the budget. Per GASB guidance, RSS is considered a resource upon which a restriction is "imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation." RSS is reduced by inventories and prepaids as they are classified as nonspendable. Outstanding Encumbrances are included within RSS. RSS is included as a component of Restricted Net position and Restricted fund balance on the face of the balance sheet.

Restricted for Recreation – portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for recreation activities. This amount represents the balance of Martin County's recreation allocation that was unexpended.

Restricted for Streets - Powell Bill portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of unexpended Powell Bill funds.

Committed Fund Balance – portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of Town of Bear Grass's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). The governing body can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned Fund Balance – portion of fund balance that Town of Bear Grass intends to use for specific purposes.

Subsequent year's expenditures – portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves and modifies the appropriation.

Unassigned Fund Balance – the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

The Town has a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Town Clerk will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-town funds, town funds. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. Subsequent Events – Date of Management's Evaluation

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 21, 2021 the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. See Note 7.

2. DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Assets

Deposits

All of the Town's deposits are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits that exceed the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Town's agent in the Town's name. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Town, these deposits are considered to be held by the Town's agent in the Town's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest-bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Town or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the Town under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Town has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits but relies on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The Town complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured.

At June 30, 2021, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$171,933 and a bank balance of \$172,839. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance. The Town had no petty cash fund at June 30, 2021.

Capital Assets

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets being				
depreciated:				
Infrastructure	\$ 24,982	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,982
Leasehold Improvements	1,591	-	-	1,591
Equipment	36,362	6,214		42,576
Total	62,935	6,214	-	69,149
Less accumulated				
depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	10,062	832	-	10,894
Leasehold Improvements	391	64	-	455
Equipment	30,821	2,733		33,554
Total	41,274	\$ 3,629	\$ -	44,903
Governmental activity				
capital assets, net	\$ 21,661			\$ 24,246

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

General government	\$ 2,797
Transportation	 832
	\$ 3,629

B. Liabilities

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources at year-end is comprised of the following:

	State	Statement of		ral Fund
	_ Net I	Net Position		ce Sheet
Taxes Receivable (General Fund)	\$	-	\$	307

Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town participates in two self-funded risk financing pools administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Through these pools, the Town obtains general liability coverage of \$5 million per occurrence, property coverage up to the total insured values of the property policy, and workers' compensation coverage up to the statutory limits. The liability and property exposures are reinsured through commercial carriers for claims in excess of retentions as selected by the Board of Trustees each year. Specific information on the limits of the reinsurance and excess loss policies purchased by the Board of Trustees can be obtained by contacting the Risk Management Services Department of the NC League of Municipalities. The pools are audited annually by certified public accountants, and the audited financial statements are available to the Town upon request.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Town does not have any real property and is not located in a flood plain and therefore does not carry flood insurance.

In accordance with [G.S. 159-29], the Town's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the Town's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is bonded for \$50,000.

Pension Plan Obligations

The Town does not employ any full-time employees and it does not provide any retirement benefits to part-time employees. Therefore, the Town does not have any pension plan obligations.

Rent Expense

On June 1, 2014, the Town entered into an agreement to lease office space for \$200 per month. The rent expense paid under this lease for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 was \$2,400. Rent will be revisited on an annual basis or at any time a special need arises. No commitments extend beyond one year.

Commitments

The Town and the Bear Grass Charter School have a memorandum of understanding allowing the School to use certain equipment/materials owned by the Town and housed on School property.

Legal Debt Margin

At June 30, 2021, the Town had a legal debt margin of \$449,156.

C. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General fund balance that is available for appropriation:

Total Fund Balance - General Fund:	\$ 175,143
Less:	
Stabilization by State Statute	3,210
Streets - Powell Bill	11,705
Recreation	4,446
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2022 Budget	8,100
Working Capital/Fund Balance Policy	-
Remaining Fund Balance	\$ 147,682

3. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

The Town, in conjunction with five counties and thirty-nine other municipalities, is a member of the Mid-East Commission. The participating governments established the Commission to coordinate various funding received from federal and State agencies. Each participating government appoints one member to the Commission's governing board. The Town paid membership fees of \$350 to the Commission during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the June 30, 2010 fiscal year, the town clerk was elected as a commissioner of the Town. The town clerk was paid \$1,500 for his duties as town clerk during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

5. SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

State Assisted Programs

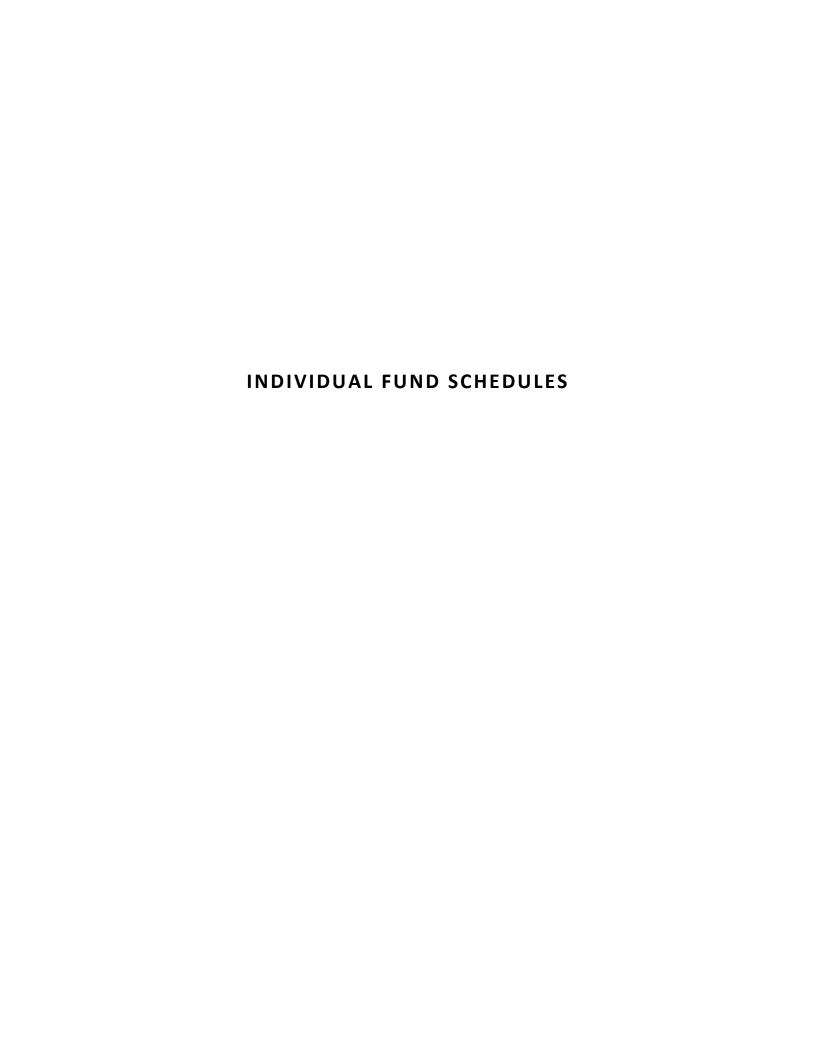
The Town has received proceeds from several State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required, and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

6. COVID-19 PANDEMIC

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) a global pandemic and recommended containment and mitigation measures worldwide. Absent any government order or contagion of its workforce, the Town plans to continue its normal operations while taking all reasonable efforts to protect its citizens. The Town's financial position and results of operations as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 have not been negatively impacted with this pandemic through that date. However, the Town cannot reasonably estimate the length or severity of this pandemic or the extent to which the disruption may materially impact its future financial statements through the distribution of intergovernmental revenues by the State of North Carolina and collection of property and vehicle taxes.

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 was signed into law and the State of North Carolina will receive a share of the funding and will disburse funds to municipalities that are non-entitlement units (NEUs). In July 2021, the Town received \$10,517 of funding through the State of North Carolina's Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The funds are to be used for COVID-19 relief and economic recovery measures. The Town has until 2026 to expend these funds as long as the funds are obligated by 2024.



Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			<u> </u>
Ad valorem taxes:			
Taxes	\$	\$ 15,055	\$
Interest	·	22	•
Total	13,700	15,077	1,377
Unrestricted intergovernmental:			
Local option sales tax		6,727	
Utility sales tax		5,594	
Beer and wine tax		[^] 297	
ABC profit distribution		190	
Total	11,675	12,808	1,133
Restricted intergovernmental:			
Powell Bill allocation		2,312	
Martin County - recreation allocation		4,446	
Total	6,946	6,758	(188)
Sales and services:			
Chicken Mull Festival		19,352	
Total	23,000	19,352	(3,648)
Investment earnings	600	626	26
Total revenues	EE 021	E4 631	(1 200)
Total revenues	55,921	54,621	(1,300)
Expenditures:			
General government:			
Professional fees		5,275	
Utilities		5,533	
Insurance		2,700	
Office supplies		510	
Dues and subscriptions		1,577	
Other		377	
Tax commissions		401	
Town parade		75	
Contract labor		1,500	
Christmas decorations and maintenance		1,661	
CMF Donation to BG Educational Foundation,		1,001	
Bear Grass Fire and Rescue and other nonprofit			
organizations		10,600	
Special needs		5,000	

Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

			Variance Positive
	Budget	Actual	(Negative)
General government (continued):			<u>, </u>
Advertising		46	
Welcome expense		100	
Yucca House rent expense		2,400	
Chicken Mull Festival		8,924	
Capital outlay		2,386	
Total general government	54,560	49,065	5,495
Recreation:			
County allocation - Bear Grass Recreation, Inc.	4,446	-	4,446
Transportation:			
Powell Bill expenditures:			
Repairs		800	
Total transportation	6,000	800	5,200
Total expenditures	65,006	49,865	15,141
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(9,085)	4,756	13,841
Fund balance appropriated	9,085	-	(9,085)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	4,756	\$ 4,756
Fund balances:			
Beginning of year, July 1	_	170,387	
End of year, June 30	_	\$ 175,143	

OTHER SCHEDULES

This section contains additional information on property taxes.

Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

Analysis of Current Tax Levy

Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable June 30, 2021

Fiscal Year	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2020	Additions	Collections and Credits	В	collected salance e 30, 2021
2020-2021	\$ -	\$ 15,159	\$ 14,947	\$	212
2019-2020	265	, 13,133 -	178	Ą	87
2018-2019	36	_	32		4
2017-2018	4	_	-		4
2016-2017	- -	_	_		-
2015-2016	_	_	_		_
2014-2015	_	_	_		_
2013-2014	-	-	-		_
2012-2013	_	_	_		_
2011-2012	-	-	-		_
2010-2011	23	-	23		-
	\$ 328	\$ 15,159	\$ 15,180		307
Less: allowance for uncollectible accounts: General Fund				<u> </u>	- 207
Ad valorem taxes receivable - net				\$	307
Reconcilement with revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes - General Fund				\$	15,077
Reconciling items: Interest collected Refunds					(22) 19
Discounts					83
Taxes written off					23
Subtotal					103
Total collections and credits				\$	15,180

Town of Bear Grass, North Carolina Analysis of Current Tax Levy Town-Wide Levy For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

				Total Levy		
	Т	own-Wide		Property excluding Registered	Registered	
	Property Valuation	Rate	Total Levy	Motor Vehicles	Motor Vehicles	
Original levy: Property taxed at current year's rate	\$ 5,614,444	0.27	\$ 15,159	\$ 12,511	\$ 2,648	
Releases						
Total property valuation	\$ 5,614,444					
Net levy			15,159	12,511	2,648	
Unpaid (by taxpayer) taxes at June 30,	2021		(212)	(212)		
Current year's taxes collected			\$ 14,947	\$ 12,299	\$ 2,648	
Current levy collection percentage			98.60%	98.31%	100.00%	