

**Integrity Monitor Report
Category 3**

Integrity Monitor Firm Name: CohnReznick
Quarter Ending: 09/30/2025
Expected Engagement End Date: 01/23/2026

A. General Info

1. Recovery Program Participant:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

2. Federal Funding Source (e.g., CARES, HUD, FEMA, ARPA):

Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) under the American Rescue Plan (ARP)

3. State Funding Source (if applicable):

N/A

4. Deadline for Use of State or Federal Funding by Recovery Program Participant:

The funds appropriated for this program must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

5. Accountability Officer:

John Alexy

6. Program(s) under Review/Subject to Engagement:

Boardwalk Preservation Fund (BPF or the "Program")

7. Brief Description, Purpose, and Rationale of Integrity Monitor Project/Program:

To fulfill its obligations under Executive Order (E.O.) 166 regarding the appointment of independent Integrity Oversight Monitors ("Integrity Monitors" or "IOM") for any New Jersey State Agency receiving \$20 million or more in COVID 19 Recovery funds and per the IOM guidelines, the NJDCA engaged CohnReznick LLP (the IM, CR) to perform the Integrity Monitoring services for Boardwalk Preservation Fund. The Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation (DRM) is tasked to administer the BPF.

The purpose of this Integrity Monitoring engagement is to work with DCA's Accountability Officer and other DCA staff to conduct a risk assessment of the DRM existing controls in place to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse; review

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subrecipient documentation for potential fraud; review and monitor construction projects for fraud and misconduct, proper payments, and compliance with State and Federal guidelines.

8. Amount Allocated to Program(s) under Review:

\$100,000,000

9. Amount Expended by Recovery Program Participant to Date on Program(s) under Review:

Total program releases/disbursements - \$34,965,723
Total direct actual expenditures \$ 19,095,399

10. Amount Provided to Other State or Local Entities:

N/A

11. Completion Status of Program (e.g., planning phase, application review, post-payment):

In progress

12. Completion Status of Integrity Monitor Engagement:

In progress

B. Monitoring Activities

13. If FEMA funded, brief description of the status of the project worksheet and its support:

a) IM Response

N/A

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

N/A

14. Description of the services provided to the Recovery Program Participant during the quarter (i.e., activities conducted, such as meetings, document review, staff training, etc.):

a) IM Response

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CohnReznick performed the following activities for the period from July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025:

- Held status calls with DCA on 07/10/25, 8/14/2025, 09/04/25, and 09/25/25
- Communicated with DRM regarding the status of projects and current expenditures, as well as the schedules for status calls
- Participated in DRM's status update calls with subgrantees on various dates in July, August, and September 2025
- Finalized and submitted the draft field activity report for the site visit performed on 6/18/25
- Held a meeting with DRM on 8/18/25 to go over their compliance review process
- Drafted certified payroll and expenditures review procedures
- Sampled expenditures for one Boardwalk project and tested available supporting documentation
- Reviewed supporting documentation available in SIROMS for two more projects
- Provided initial observations and best practices recommendations to DRM
- Sampled workers from three projects, compiled the list of supporting documents needed and forwarded selection to DRM to request from grantees
- Followed up with DRM on requested items
- Held a meeting with DRM on 9/15/25 to discuss preliminary observations and outstanding request items
- Received, reviewed, and cataloged the payroll supporting documentation for a sampled workers chosen for three grantees
- Finalized and submitted IM monthly July, August, and draft September 2025 reports
- Finalized and submitted to Treasury 2Q25 report
- Drafted and submitted accordingly the draft 3Q25 Quarterly Treasury report

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

N/A

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15. Description to confirm appropriate data/information has been provided by the Recovery Program Participant and description of activities taken to review the project/program:

a) IM Response

At the beginning of the engagement, the IM obtained access from DCA to the State Integrated Recovery Operations and Management System (SIROMS), the system of records, which is used to account for and manage the SFRF funds, including tracking expenditures and obligations. The IM periodically reviews the uploads organized by each subrecipient/project and tracks actual expenditure requests, supporting documentation, required periodic progress reports. The IM meets regularly with DCA's grant management team to confirm all grantees' information/data is complete and in conformity with program requirements. Additionally, the IM participated in DCA's status calls with grantees to gather additional information about accuracy of information provided and progress of projects.

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

N/A

16. Description of quarterly auditing activities conducted to ensure procurement compliance with terms and conditions of contracts and agreements:

a) IM Response

N/A

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

N/A

17. If payment documentation in connection with the contract/program has been reviewed, provide description.

a) IM Response

The IM is reviewing the DRM tracker of expenditures on the monthly basis as well as actual grantee expenditure reports as the construction projects progress and grantee supporting documentation is submitted and available in SIROMS. In this current reporting period, the IM reviewed a sample of expenditures submitted by three grantees. The IM verified that expenditure reports were properly supported, and project costs incurred were consistent with the approved budgets and properly authorized and approved.

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b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

N/A

18. Description of quarterly activity to prevent and detect waste, fraud, and/or abuse:

a) IM Response

During this reporting period, the IM participated in status calls DCA/DRM held with subgrantees to ensure that work is progressing as reported and adheres to the program requirements. In addition, the IM finalized the observation and provided them to DCA in the field activity report for the site visit performed in June for one grantee. The site visits/inspections are conducted to cross check reported progress and billing with actual work, interview workers and review their credentials and wages as well as to identify any issues. The IM was also validating a sample of project costs incurred and submitted on expenditure reports and checking a sample of workers for proper payment of prevailing wages.

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

N/A

19. Details of any integrity issues/findings, including findings of waste, fraud, and/or abuse:

a) IM Response

No integrity issues were noted during this reporting period.

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

20. Details of any other items of note that have occurred in the past quarter:

a) IM Response

N/A

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

N/A

21. Details of any actions taken to remediate waste, fraud, and/or abuse noted in past quarters:

a) IM Response

N/A

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- b) Recovery Program Participant Comments
N/A

C. Miscellaneous

22. List of hours (by employee) and expenses incurred to perform quarterly integrity monitoring review:

- a) IM Response

For the period July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, the following individuals have expended a total of **243.4** hours:

Name:

- Ron Frazier (13.0 hours)
- Anna Fomina (119.6 hours)
- Kristin Plews (54.0 hours)
- Grace Wandling (55.8 hours)
- Sasha Sorokina (0.5 hours)
- Glen Szenzenstein (0.5 hours)

There were no expenses billed in this reporting period.

- b) Recovery Program Participant Comments
N/A

23. Add any item, issue, or comment not covered in previous sections but deemed pertinent to monitoring program:

- a) IM Response
N/A

- b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

Name of Integrity Monitor: CohnReznick

Name of Report Preparer: CohnReznick

Signature:



Date: 09/30/2025