

**Integrity Monitor Report
Categories 1 and 2**

Integrity Monitor Firm Name: Vander Weele Group
Integrity Monitor Category (1 or 2): Categories 1 and 2
Quarter Ending: 03/31/2022
Expected Engagement End Date: 02/27/2023

A. General Information

1. Recovery Program Participant:

NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation

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

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

3. State Funding Source (if applicable):

N/A

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

TBD

5. Accountability Officer:

Elizabeth Mackay, Chief Officer, Legal Affairs

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

Disaster Recovery

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

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"), which appropriated \$6.4 billion in State Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SFRF") to the State of New Jersey. The disbursement of those funds is ongoing. The New Jersey State Legislature has

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directly appropriated SFRF funds to 31 programs.¹ Through the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Act, L. 2021, c.133, the Legislature also provided \$200 million to be allocated to pandemic-related programs as determined by the Executive Director of the Governor’s Disaster Recovery Office, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Account. Through the \$200 million allocation, the State has allocated funds to eight programs to date. Lastly, the Legislature also provided that certain allocations could be made with approval of the Joint Budget and Oversight Committee. To date, the JBOC has approved 13 programs. Approximately half of the \$6.4 billion has been allocated thus far, resulting in 36 subrecipients who include multiple state and local agencies, non-profits and organizations. This number will continue to grow as funding continues to be allocated.

Pursuant to the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Act, L. 2021, c.133, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation has been tasked with overseeing the entire portfolio of SFRF funds as the State-designated Grants Manager. See Memorandum of Understanding between the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for American Rescue Plan Act-Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds Grant Management at Attachment 2. As part of this responsibility, DRM is tasked with oversight and monitoring of subrecipients. DRM seeks guidance to develop a method and strategy by which DRM may monitor these subrecipients, which the Integrity Monitor shall then condense into a Subrecipient Monitoring Plan

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

TBD

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

TBD

10. Amount Provided to Other State or Local Entities:

TBD

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

¹ Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Act, L. 2021, c.133; P.L. 2021, c.144; P.L. 2021, c.200; P.L. 2021, c.188; P.L. 2021, c.109; and P.L. 2021, c. 173.

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The purchase order for this engagement query was received 3/29/22. We are in the process of establishing the initial meeting.

12. Completion Status of Integrity Monitor Engagement:

During the initial meeting with the NJ department representatives, we will establish the plan for assignments and deliverables.

B. Monitoring Activities

13. 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) Initial activities include project planning.

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- b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

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14. Description of activities to prevent, detect, and remediate waste, fraud, and/or abuse during the quarter:

- a) IM Response

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- b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

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15. General description of any findings of waste, fraud, or abuse:

- a) IM Response

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- b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

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C. Miscellaneous

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

a) IM Response

1.2 hours by Maribeth Vander Weele and
1.0 hours by Deb Wells have been accomplished to date.

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

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Name of Integrity Monitor:	Vander Weele Group
Name of Report Preparer:	Deb Wells
Signature:	<i>Debra Wells</i>
Date:	3/31/2022