

**Minnesota Office of Higher Education
(A Component Unit of the
State of Minnesota)**

Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information

June 30, 2024

Minnesota Office of Higher Education

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Commissioner of
Minnesota Office of Higher Education

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (the Agency), a component unit of the State of Minnesota as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Agency's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Agency as of June 30, 2024 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Agency 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 audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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.
- 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 Agency'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 Agency'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Agency's basic financial statements. The supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 October 25, 2024 on our consideration of the Agency's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the Agency's 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 Agency's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Eau Claire, Wisconsin
October 25, 2024

**MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Our discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (the "Agency") provides an overview of the Agency's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Introduction

Minnesota Statutes, 136A; Minnesota Statutes 136G, Minnesota Rules 4800-4880

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education is a cabinet-level state agency providing students with financial aid programs and information to help them gain access to postsecondary education. The Agency also serves as the state's clearinghouse for data, research and analysis on postsecondary enrollment, financial aid, and postsecondary finance trends. Specifically, the Agency, and its staff of 84 FTE, work to:

- Help students achieve financial access to postsecondary education;
- Enable students to choose among postsecondary education options;
- Protect and inform educational consumers;
- Produce independent, statewide information on postsecondary education; and
- Facilitate interaction and collaboration among organizations that share responsibility for education in Minnesota.

The Agency's programs and services are provided through different means, including:

Financial Aid

The Agency administers numerous financial aid programs that enable thousands of Minnesota students to have financial access to, and choice of, postsecondary educational opportunities, including, but not limited to:

- *The Minnesota State Grant Program* - provides more than \$247.9 million in need-based aid to Minnesota students annually.
- *Postsecondary Child Care Grant Program* – provides \$7.0 million for students with demonstrated financial need to pay for child care while students attend classes.
- *Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program* – provides \$4.4 million for eligible Minnesota resident students who are one-fourth or more Indian ancestry and demonstrate financial need.
- *Tuition Reciprocity* – allows Minnesota residents (and residents of participating states) to be treated as a resident for the purposes of admission and tuition.
- *Student Educational Loan Fund ("SELF")* – provides long-term, low-interest rate student loans for Minnesota residents attending a participating postsecondary institution as well as non-residents attending a Minnesota postsecondary institution.
- *SELF Refi* – provides various low-rate loan options for Minnesota residents to refinance their student loans.
- *Minnesota College Savings Plan* – Minnesota's 529 college savings plan that provides tax-advantaged savings accounts for qualified higher education expenses.
- *State Work Study Program* – provides \$18.3 million for students with demonstrated financial need through jobs provided through the postsecondary institutions.

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Financial Aid (cont.)

- *Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Grant* - provides medical research grants to conduct research that would lead to new and innovative treatments and rehabilitative efforts for the functional improvement of people with spinal cord or traumatic brain injuries.
- *Dual Training Competency Grants* - provides grants to institutions or programs that enter into agreements with employers to provide training to their employees.

Communication & Outreach

The Agency's publications, web content, interactive media, and direct contact with students and families enable the Agency to provide outreach to communities of color, low-income families, and families with no previous higher education experience. In addition, Get Ready/GEAR UP, a federally funded college access program, aims to increase high school graduation, participation in postsecondary educational programming, and successful transition into a post-high school pathway of choice among students from low-income backgrounds and communities of color. The program model is designed to improve schools' capacity to deliver college and career readiness programming to students and their families, effectively utilize data to inform postsecondary planning and continuous improvement, and promote practices that reinforce a strong college-going culture.

Research & Information

The Agency's Research, Policy, and Analysis Division provides credible, politically neutral, research-based data, information and analysis on higher education. Research products are used to operate programs, develop and inform policies, and provides assistance to individuals, colleges, communities, and the state.

The Agency's web presence includes information for students, parents, educators, and financial aid administrators, postsecondary enrollment data, information concerning private postsecondary institutions licensed or registered by the Agency, online financial aid applications, and a financial aid estimator.

The Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDs) is a tool to connect existing data from pre-kindergarten through completion of postsecondary education and into the workforce. SLEDs is a partnership between the Agency and the Departments of Education (MDE) and Employment and Economic Development (DEED). By bridging existing data with other incoming data, a range of educational programmatic and delivery questions can be answered to gauge the effectiveness of current programs and design targeted improvement strategies to help students.

Consumer Protection

Through state laws, which undergird the registration and licensure of private colleges, universities, career schools, and certain out-of-state public postsecondary institutions, the Agency provides students with consumer protection by assuring that those postsecondary institutions meet state standards in order to operate legally in Minnesota. Minnesota is an approved SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) state. An institution authorized under SARA criteria in its home state is considered authorized in all other SARA states.

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Financial Highlights

- The Agency's net position increased \$23.5 million or 4.2% from fiscal year 2022 to 2023 mainly as a result of student loan financing activities and investment income.
- The Agency received \$308.5 million for fiscal year 2023 state appropriations. \$27.5 million will be deferred to fiscal year 2024 while \$1,694 has been cancelled and returned back to the state.
- The Agency administers the Minnesota College Savings Plan. The assets in that plan have increased to approximately \$2.0 billion.
- The Loan Capital Fund issued 5,954 and 5,728 new SELF Loans in fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively, with the average student loan amount of 10,376 and \$10,007, respectively.
- The Loan Capital Fund disbursed approximately \$484,000 in SELF Refi Loans in fiscal year 2024.
- Net Loan Receivables in the Loan Capital Fund shrunk by \$856,647 or 0.2% during fiscal year 2024 and shrunk by \$6.8 million or 1.6% during fiscal year 2023.
- The Agency has legislative approval to enter into interest rate exchange or swap agreements, or other comparable interest rate protection agreements. This option is limited to agreements related to bonds and notes with an aggregate value of no more than \$20 million. As of June 30, 2024 the Agency has not entered into any interest rate exchange or swap agreements or other comparable interest rate protection agreements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The Agency's basic financial statements consist of three components: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The report also contains other supplementary information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The two government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Agency's finances in a manner similar to private-sector business entities. The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Agency's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources with the difference between the four reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Agency is improving or deteriorating.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements (cont.)

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the Agency's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but unused compensated absences). The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 1 and 2 of this report.

In the Statements of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we divide the Agency into two kinds of activities:

- *Governmental Activities* — General appropriation funds are received by the Agency for the administration of postsecondary educational grant programs, the state work study program, negotiating and administering reciprocity agreements, publishing and distributing financial aid information and materials, collecting and maintaining student enrollment and financial aid data, and administering various federal grant programs that affect students and postsecondary institutions. Licensing and registration fees finance the cost for administering the registration and licensing of private college and career schools and certain out-of-state public postsecondary institutions.
- *Business-Type Activities* — The Agency is designated by statute as the administrative agency for the establishment of one or more loan programs. The purpose of the loan programs is to provide financial assistance for the postsecondary education of students. The loan programs currently being administered by the Agency are the Student Educational Loan Fund ("SELF") Program and the SELF Refi Program.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements begin on page 3 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds — not the Agency as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state law, and the Agency established other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for certain grants. The Agency's two kinds of funds — governmental and proprietary — use different accounting approaches.

- *Governmental Funds* — Governmental funds are used for primarily the same functions reported as governmental activities. The governmental fund financial statements are used to analyze resources available in the near-term to manage the Agency's near-term financial obligations. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The differences are illustrated between governmental activities and governmental funds in a statement following each governmental fund financial statement.
- *Proprietary Funds* — When the Agency charges customers for the services it provides — whether to outside customers or to other units of the Agency — these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In fact, the Agency's proprietary funds are the same as the business-type activities the Agency reports in the government-wide statements but provides more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional detail that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found beginning on page 10 of this report.

Required Supplemental Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplemental information (RSI), including the management's discussion and analysis and other RSI which contains the Agency's budget and actual results of its major governmental fund and schedules for the state employees' retirement fund. This information can be found beginning on page 33 of this report.

Additional Supplemental Information

Following the required supplemental information are combining statements for the non-major governmental funds.

The Agency as a Whole

The Agency's combined net position increased by \$40.9 million or 7.1%. The analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the Agency's governmental and business-type activities.

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The Agency as a Whole (cont.)

**Table 1
Net Position**

	2024			2023		
	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Totals	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Totals
Assets						
Current and other assets	\$ 72,363,227	\$ 914,283,347	\$ 986,646,574	\$ 58,803,993	\$ 883,083,159	\$ 941,887,152
Capital assets—net	651,544	18,114	669,658	783,309	20,020	803,329
Total assets	73,014,771	914,301,461	987,316,232	59,587,302	883,103,179	942,690,481
Deferred Outflows of Resources						
OPEB related amounts	77,250	25,750	103,000	81,000	27,000	108,000
Pension related amounts	1,393,899	385,101	1,779,000	1,707,095	474,905	2,182,000
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,471,149	410,851	1,882,000	1,788,095	501,905	2,290,000
Liabilities						
Current liabilities	5,834,820	7,571,697	13,406,517	15,505,944	4,662,927	20,168,871
Non-current liabilities	2,259,998	308,354,325	310,614,323	2,814,853	313,477,684	316,292,537
Total liabilities	8,094,818	315,926,022	324,020,840	18,320,797	318,140,611	336,461,408
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Unearned revenue	42,800,043	-	42,800,043	27,532,124	-	27,532,124
OPEB related amounts	50,250	16,750	67,000	69,750	23,250	93,000
Pension related amounts	1,090,568	321,432	1,412,000	692,396	197,604	890,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	43,940,861	338,182	44,279,043	28,294,270	220,854	28,515,124
Net position						
Invested in capital assets	651,544	18,114	669,658	783,309	20,020	803,329
Restricted for administration and financial aid programs	22,941,147	-	22,941,147	14,771,279	-	14,771,279
Restricted for debt service	-	598,429,994	598,429,994	-	565,223,599	565,223,599
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,142,450)	-	(1,142,450)	(794,258)	-	(794,258)
Total net position	\$ 22,450,241	\$ 598,448,108	\$ 620,898,349	\$ 14,760,330	\$ 565,243,619	\$ 580,003,949

Net position of the Agency's governmental activities increased by \$7,689,911 during the current fiscal year. State appropriations are retained for the portion of severance liability and retired employees insurance benefits liability that the Agency has at fiscal year-end. Unrestricted net position — the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements — decreased from a deficit of (\$794,258) at June 30, 2023 to (\$1,142,450) at the end of this year.

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The Agency as a Whole (cont.)

Net loans receivable have decreased by approximately \$856,647, or 0.2%, to \$415.0 million. In May 2015 the state legislature passed language allowing the maximum amount of the SELF Loan to be determined annually by the Agency, not to exceed cost of attendance less all other financial aid. The Agency has set the maximum SELF Loan amount at \$40,000 for four-year postsecondary and graduate programs, \$20,000 for non-four year degree programs, and \$3,500 for programs less than one year.

U.S. Treasury regulations limit the student loan revenue yield over bond expenses to 2% on tax exempt student loan bond issues (bond expenses are limited to the bond interest paid to bondholders, cost of defaulted loans, and credit liquidity). Excess earnings generated from the student loans must either be paid back to the IRS every 10 years or reduced through a decrease in the student loan interest rate charged, loan forgiveness programs, and/or borrower benefits. The Agency has no current arbitrage or excess yield liability.

**Table 2
Changes in Net Position**

	2024			2023		
	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Totals	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Totals
REVENUES						
Program revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 1,280,079	\$ 27,689,767	\$ 28,969,846	\$ 847,689	\$ 23,183,195	\$ 24,030,884
State appropriations	324,398,421	-	324,398,421	308,483,881	-	308,483,881
Federal grants	5,401,302	-	5,401,302	5,453,625	-	5,453,625
Investment Income	-	23,388,777	23,388,777	-	15,853,386	15,853,386
Total revenues	<u>331,079,802</u>	<u>51,078,544</u>	<u>382,158,346</u>	<u>314,785,195</u>	<u>39,036,581</u>	<u>353,821,776</u>
EXPENSES						
Program expenses						
Loan Capital Fund	-	17,874,055	17,874,055	-	17,237,980	17,237,980
Administration and financial aid programs	317,949,063	-	317,949,063	307,975,970	-	307,975,970
Federal grants	<u>5,440,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,440,828</u>	<u>5,139,636</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,139,636</u>
Total expenses	<u>323,389,891</u>	<u>17,874,055</u>	<u>341,263,946</u>	<u>313,115,606</u>	<u>17,237,980</u>	<u>330,353,586</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>\$ 7,689,911</u>	<u>\$ 33,204,489</u>	<u>\$ 40,894,400</u>	<u>\$ 1,669,589</u>	<u>\$ 21,798,601</u>	<u>\$ 23,468,190</u>

Governmental Activities

Revenues for the Agency's governmental activities (see Table 2) increased by \$16.3 million (or 5.2%) to \$331.1 million, while total expenses increased by \$10.3 million (or 3.3%). The increase in revenue is mainly attributed to state appropriations which increased by \$15.9 million to \$324.4 million. In addition to state appropriations there was a decrease of \$52,323 in federal grants, and an increase of \$432,390 in revenue in our licensing and registration department and through small grant funding.

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The Agency as a Whole (cont.)

Governmental Activities (cont.)

The Agency currently receives recurring federal grants from two different programs within the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Justice. These federal grants are designed to assist students in meeting their postsecondary education financial obligations and increase college attendance and success of low-income students. The Agency also manages the SLEDs data system that merges data from preschool to college to workforce. The data is used in developing public reports and producing original research.

Business-Type Activities

The excess of revenues over expenses of the Agency's business-type activities was \$33.2 million in fiscal year 2024, which was 185.8% of expenses. See the discussion under *Proprietary Fund* below for an analysis of business-type activities.

Financial Analysis of the Agency's Major Funds

Governmental Funds

The General Fund is the chief governmental fund of the Agency representing approximately 96.04% of the Agency's governmental spending. At the end of fiscal year 2024, the fund balance was \$0. Since the state operates on a biennial budget, every other year all appropriation resources not expended are returned to the state's General Fund. At the end of the first fiscal year, unused appropriations are deferred to the second fiscal year in the biennium.

For the General Fund, student grant payments were \$287.1 million, an increase from \$255.2 million in fiscal year 2023. Grant aid to postsecondary institutions and organizations decreased by \$31.7 million to \$9.4 million. Employee salaries and benefits increased 2% to \$4.41 million over the prior fiscal year, due to staffing changes, cost of living and performance increases, and increase in cost of health insurance.

Proprietary Fund

The Agency's proprietary fund statement provides the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in greater detail. Revenues of the Agency's proprietary fund (see Table 2) increased by 30.8% and expenses increased by 3.7%. Student loan interest income increased by \$4.51 million in FY2024 as a result of increases in the 1 month and 3 month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) indexes. Increases in interest rates on investments resulted in an increase in investment income of \$7.54 million. Increasing interest rates also resulted in increased bond interest expense of \$958,463.

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Financial Analysis of the Agency's Major Funds (cont.)

Proprietary Fund (cont.)

The current rate for SELF 3, SELF 4 and SELF 5 program variable rate student loans is 7.85%, versus 5.50% in the comparable period in fiscal 2023. The SELF 3, SELF 4 and SELF 5 variable rate loans use the same method to calculate the variable interest rate which is equal to the three month average of the three month IBOR Fallback Rate plus a margin currently set at 2.25%. New loans are no longer offered under SELF 3, SELF 4, and SELF 5. Beginning in April 2022 and ending in fiscal 2024 loans were offered under SELF 6. SELF 6 variable rate loans have an interest rate equal to the three month term SOFR plus a margin currently set at 2.25%. SELF 6 current variable rate is 7.55%. Beginning in February 2024, loans were offered under SELF 7.

SELF 7 variable rate loans have an interest rate equal to the three month term SOFR plus a margin currently set at 2.00-2.50%. SELF 7 current variable rate is 7.30-7.80% and the current fixed rate is 6.35-6.85%, with the range for both rates dependent upon the selection of a 10-, 15-, or 20-year term.

The interest rate for the SELF 5 fixed rate program changes periodically. Rate changes are as follows:

Effective Date	Rate
10/2010	7.25%
05/2013	6.90%
04/2015	6.50%
08/2016	6.00%
07/2019	5.75%
04/2020	4.85%

The interest rate for the SELF 6 fixed rate program changes periodically. Rate changes are as follows:

Effective Date	Rate
04/2022	6.35%

The interest rate for the SELF 7 fixed rate program changes periodically. Rate changes are as follows:

SELF 7 Loan fixed rates			
Repayment Term	10 years	15 years	20 years
02/2024	6.35%	6.60%	6.85%

The SELF Refi loan has a variety of rate and repayment term options.

SELF Refi Loan current rates			
Repayment Term	5 years	10 years	15 years
Fixed rate	6.0%	6.5%	7.0%
Variable rate	7.80%	8.55%	9.05%

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General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Agency receives biennial appropriations in the General Fund. We budget the full amount of the appropriation and adjust the budget over the course of the year dependent upon demand for our programs. In the first year of the biennium, unspent appropriations are reduced from the budget and deferred and added to the budget for the second year of the biennium. Unobligated appropriations after the second year of the biennium are returned to the State. In fiscal year 2024, the first year of the biennium, the Agency deferred \$42.8 million to fiscal year 2025. The schedule on page 33, indicates variances between appropriated revenues or Original Budgeted amounts versus actual expenditures or Final Budgeted amounts.

Cash Management

Unexpended general appropriated funds are invested pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 11A under the State Board of Investment. Monies in the Loan Capital Fund are managed by the Agency and invested in instruments allowed by state statute, such as U.S. Treasury bills and notes, general obligation municipals, collateralized certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, federal agency notes, bankers' acceptances, and commercial paper. The Agency's investment policy prohibits the Agency from investing in instruments with maturities in excess of three years. The total investment income, including change in the fair value of investments, was up from 2023 by \$7.54 million. The Agency's policy is to hold all securities until maturity; therefore, it is highly unlikely that any differences between cost and market in investments would be realized.

Capital Assets

At year-end, the Agency had \$669,658 of net capital assets as shown in Table 3:

**Table 3
Capital Assets at Year-End
(net of accumulated depreciation)**

	2024			2023		
	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Totals	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Totals
Office Improvements	\$ 540,200	\$ -	\$ 540,200	\$ 660,245	\$ -	\$ 660,245
Furniture and equipment	<u>111,344</u>	<u>18,114</u>	<u>129,458</u>	<u>123,064</u>	<u>20,020</u>	<u>143,084</u>
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 651,544</u>	<u>\$ 18,114</u>	<u>\$ 669,658</u>	<u>\$ 783,309</u>	<u>\$ 20,020</u>	<u>\$ 803,329</u>

Additional information about the Agency's capital assets can be found in Note 2 to the financial statements.

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Debt Administration

At year-end, the Agency had \$311,010,000 in bonds outstanding — as shown in Table 4:

**Table 4
Outstanding Debt at Year-End
(in millions)**

	2024			2023		
	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Totals	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Totals
Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ 311.0	\$ 311.0	\$ -	\$ 313.8	\$ 313.8

The 2012B, 2017B and 2017C supplemental revenue bonds are currently held as private placement bonds and do not require a rating.

The 2018, 2020 and 2023 supplemental revenue bonds have a rating of AA by S&P Global rating agency.

Other obligations of the Agency include accrued compensated absences, total OPEB liability, and net pension liability. More detailed information about the Agency's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 2 to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

Agency's management considered many factors when setting future fiscal year budgets, rates, and fees that will be charged for the business-type activities. Careful consideration was given to legislative goals and the Agency's mission when adopting the General Fund budget for fiscal year 2025. The Agency's biennial budget request submitted to the Governor and Legislature takes into account the overall costs of administering the programs, salary costs, inflationary costs, as well as new agency priorities. If an appropriation for either year of the biennium is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available for it.

The management team for the SELF and SELF Refi programs consult with their financial advisors and bond partners when considering and evaluating bond financing options for the programs. In addition, when establishing loan interest rates the management team takes into account current and anticipated future economic and market conditions.

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Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates (cont.)

SELF Loan

The SELF Loan program has several phases based on changes in calculating interest and other loan terms. In fiscal year 2002, the Agency received approval for the SELF 3 phase of the loan program, which bases the interest rate charged to borrowers on the average of the three-month LIBOR during the calendar quarter immediately preceding the interest rate adjustment date plus a margin. The SELF 4 phase of the loan program began in July 2006 with minor changes. The SELF 5, 6, and 7 phases of the loan program began respectively in October 2010, April 2022, and February 2024 with fixed and variable interest rate options. The SELF 3, SELF 4, SELF 5 and SELF 6 current margin is 2.25% for variable rate loans, while SELF 7 current margin ranges from 2.00% to 2.50% dependent on term. For the fixed rate option of the SELF 7 phase of the loan program, effective February 2024 the rate is set at 6.35-6.85% for new loans, dependent on selection of a 10-, 15-, or 20-year term.

The Agency has set the maximum SELF Loan amount at \$40,000 for four year postsecondary and graduate programs, \$20,000 for non four year degree programs, and \$3,500 for programs less than one year.

The Agency's Loan Capital Fund cash and investment balance increased by \$18.4 million, the restricted cash and investment balance increased by \$10.3 million, and the loans receivable – net balance decreased by \$856,647. Current outstanding bonds rely on the Loan Capital Fund for the payment of various bond fees, student loan servicing costs, reimbursement of defaulted loans, and administrative expenses.

Contacting the Agency's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Agency's finances and to show the Agency's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Agency at (651) 259-3951.

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Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and investments	71,103,909	\$ 274,767,348	\$ 345,871,257
Receivables:			
Accounts	400,568	406,466	807,034
Interest	-	7,756,147	7,756,147
Loans receivable, net	-	57,120,571	57,120,571
Due from other governments	858,750	-	858,750
Total current assets	72,363,227	340,050,532	412,413,759
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted cash and investments	-	216,211,189	216,211,189
Loans receivable, net	-	358,021,626	358,021,626
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	651,544	18,114	669,658
Total noncurrent assets	651,544	574,250,929	574,902,473
Total assets	73,014,771	914,301,461	987,316,232
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension related amounts	1,393,899	385,101	1,779,000
OPEB related amounts	77,250	25,750	103,000
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,471,149	410,851	1,882,000
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position			
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	5,201,772	792,173	5,993,945
Accrued liabilities	283,517	80,806	364,323
Accrued interest	-	2,424,468	2,424,468
Due to other governments	19,946	-	19,946
Due to primary government, unspent appropriations	145,835	-	145,835
Deposits	99,000	-	99,000
OPEB liability	27,750	9,250	37,000
Compensated absences payable	57,000	25,000	82,000
Revenue bonds payable	-	4,240,000	4,240,000
Total current liabilities	5,834,820	7,571,697	13,406,517
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Revenue bonds payable and unamortized premiums	-	307,654,323	307,654,323
Compensated absences payable	687,000	228,000	915,000
Net pension liability	1,151,498	331,502	1,483,000
OPEB liability	421,500	140,500	562,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	2,259,998	308,354,325	310,614,323
Total liabilities	8,094,818	315,926,022	324,020,840
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Unearned revenue	42,800,043	-	42,800,043
Pension related amounts	1,090,568	321,432	1,412,000
OPEB related amounts	50,250	16,750	67,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	43,940,861	338,182	44,279,043
Net Position			
Net investment capital assets	651,544	18,114	669,658
Restricted for administration and financial aid programs	22,941,147	-	22,941,147
Restricted for debt service	-	598,429,994	598,429,994
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,142,450)	-	(1,142,450)
Total net position	22,450,241	\$ 598,448,108	\$ 620,898,349

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Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		Total
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	
Governmental Activities						
Administration and financial aid programs	\$ 317,949,063	\$ 1,280,079	\$ 324,398,421	\$ 7,729,437	\$ -	\$ 7,729,437
Federal grants	5,440,828	-	5,401,302	(39,526)	-	(39,526)
Total governmental activities	323,389,891	1,280,079	329,799,723	7,689,911	-	7,689,911
Business-Type Activities						
Loan capital fund	17,874,055	27,689,767	-	-	9,815,712	9,815,712
Total	<u>\$ 341,263,946</u>	<u>\$ 28,969,846</u>	<u>\$ 329,799,723</u>			
General Revenues						
Investment Income				-	23,388,777	23,388,777
Change in net position				7,689,911	33,204,489	40,894,400
Net Position, Beginning				14,760,330	565,243,619	580,003,949
Net Position, Ending				<u>\$ 22,450,241</u>	<u>\$ 598,448,108</u>	<u>\$ 620,898,349</u>

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Balance Sheet -
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 46,418,010	\$ 24,685,899	\$ 71,103,909
Accounts receivable	197,636	202,932	400,568
Due from other governments	-	858,750	858,750
Due from other funds	363,542	-	363,542
Total assets	<u>\$ 46,979,188</u>	<u>\$ 25,747,581</u>	<u>\$ 72,726,769</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 3,872,058	\$ 1,329,714	\$ 5,201,772
Accrued liabilities	161,252	122,265	283,517
Due to other governments	-	19,946	19,946
Due to primary government, unspent appropriations	145,835	-	145,835
Due to other funds	-	363,542	363,542
Deposits	-	99,000	99,000
Total liabilities	<u>4,179,145</u>	<u>1,934,467</u>	<u>6,113,612</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Unearned revenue	<u>42,800,043</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,800,043</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>42,800,043</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,800,043</u>
Fund Balances			
Restricted for administration and financial aid programs	-	22,941,147	22,941,147
Assigned for agency programs	-	25,879	25,879
Assigned for indirect costs	-	819,496	819,496
Assigned for financial aid information	-	26,592	26,592
Total fund balances	<u>-</u>	<u>23,813,114</u>	<u>23,813,114</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 46,979,188</u>	<u>\$ 25,747,581</u>	<u>\$ 72,726,769</u>

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Total Fund Balances, Governmental Funds

\$ 23,813,114

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net position
are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources
and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements. Capital assets at
year-end consist of:

Capital assets	1,376,250
Less accumulated depreciation	(724,706)

Some deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources
do not relate to current financial resources and are not reported in the
fund statements. These consist of:

Deferred outflows, pension related amounts	1,393,899
Deferred inflows, pension related amounts	(1,090,568)
Deferred outflows, OPEB related amounts	77,250
Deferred inflows, OPEB related amounts	(50,250)

Certain liabilities are not due in the current period and, therefore, are not
reported in the fund statements. These liabilities at year-end consist of:

Compensated absences payable	(744,000)
Net pension liability	(1,151,498)
Total OPEB liability	(449,250)

Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 22,450,241

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -

Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Revenues			
State appropriations	\$ 310,285,421	\$ 14,113,000	\$ 324,398,421
Federal grants	-	5,401,302	5,401,302
Registration and licensing fees	-	453,556	453,556
Other revenue	-	826,523	826,523
Total revenues	<u>310,285,421</u>	<u>20,794,381</u>	<u>331,079,802</u>
Expenditures			
Administration and financial aid programs	310,285,421	7,393,888	317,679,309
Federal grants	-	5,401,302	5,401,302
Total expenditures	<u>310,285,421</u>	<u>12,795,190</u>	<u>323,080,611</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	7,999,191	7,999,191
Fund Balances, Beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>15,813,923</u>	<u>15,813,923</u>
Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,813,114</u>	<u>\$ 23,813,114</u>

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances, Total Governmental Funds	\$ 7,999,191
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities
are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the
statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their
estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The following
differ in their presentation in the two statements:

Depreciation is reported in the government-wide statements	(131,765)
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Some expenses in the statement of activities do not require the use of current
financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the
governmental funds. The following did not require the use of current
financial resources:

Compensated absences payable	(152,002)
Net pension liability	692,605
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	(313,196)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(398,172)
Total OPEB liability	(22,500)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	(3,750)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	19,500

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 7,689,911</u>
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position -
Proprietary (Enterprise) Fund
Loan Capital Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Operating Revenues

Interest on student loans	\$ 27,689,767
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Operating Expenses

General and administrative	9,558,548
Depreciation	1,906
Provision for loans losses, net	(2,749,798)

Total operating expenses	6,810,656
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Operating income	20,879,111
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Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)

Investment income	23,388,777
Interest and fiscal charges	(11,063,399)

Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	12,325,378
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Change in net position	33,204,489
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Net Position, Beginning	565,243,619
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Net Position, Ending	\$ 598,448,108
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Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary (Enterprise) Fund -

Loan Capital Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Cash Flows From Operating Activities

Cash received from loan holders	\$ 91,376,223
Cash paid for loan origination	(63,134,020)
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(9,062,007)
Net cash flows from operating activities	19,180,196

Cash Flows From Investing Activities

Interest received from investments	23,113,055
Net cash flows from investing activities	23,113,055

Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities

Bond redemption	(2,790,000)
Interest paid on bonds	(10,775,915)
Net cash flows from noncapital financing activities	(13,565,915)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	28,727,336

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning

462,251,201

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Ending

\$ 490,978,537

Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and investments per statement of net position	\$ 274,767,348
Restricted cash and investments per statement of net position	216,211,189
Cash and cash equivalents per statement of cash flows	\$ 490,978,537

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities

Operating income	\$ 20,879,111
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash flows from operating activities:	
Noncash items included in income/expense:	
Depreciation	1,906
Provision for loan losses	1,922,149
Write-off of loans	(1,940,011)
Origination of student loans	(63,134,020)
Principal payments on student loans	64,008,529
Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:	
Interest receivable	(3,140,307)
Other receivables	86,529
Accounts payable and accruals	495,824
Net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows	(1,764)
Total OPEB liability and related deferred outflows and inflows	2,250
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$ 19,180,196

Noncash Capital, Investing and Financing Activities

None

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles is the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Reporting Entity

Effective July 1, 1995, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (formerly known as Minnesota Higher Education Services Office) (the Agency) was created in accordance with laws of Minnesota for 1995 as a component unit of the State of Minnesota. The Agency is responsible for the administration of State of Minnesota financial aid programs to students enrolled in eligible postsecondary institutions. In addition, the Agency is also responsible for administering federal financial aid programs that affect eligible students and institutions on a statewide basis. The Commissioner, who is appointed by the governor, oversees the performance of the Agency.

The Agency's financial statements are presented discretely in the State of Minnesota's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as a component unit.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity since the reporting entity has no fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through state appropriations and federal grants. Business-type activities are generally financed by fees and charges from student loans.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. The Agency does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Fund Financial Statements

Financial statements of the Agency are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which constitute its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position/fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses.

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Funds are organized as major funds or nonmajor funds within the governmental and proprietary statements. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Agency or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets/deferred outflows of resources, liabilities/deferred inflows of resources, revenues or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type and
- b. The same element of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund that met the 10% test is at least 5% of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.
- c. In addition, any other governmental or enterprise fund that the Agency believes is particularly important to financial statement users may be reported as a major fund.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund

General Fund accounts for the Agency's primary operating activities. It is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The General Fund is used to account and report for the funds received and disbursed for the State of Minnesota's research and financial aid programs.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education reports the following major enterprise funds:

Loan Capital Fund

Loan Capital Fund accounts for the Agency's student loan activities including the Supplemental Loan programs (SELF 3, SELF 4, SELF 5, SELF 6, SELF 7 and SELF Refi) and payment of expenses of administering such programs. In addition, the Loan Capital Fund is used to account for related long-term debt payable and interest expense.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Special Revenues and Gifts Fund – Federal grants passed through other entities, certain state appropriations, gifts and licensing

Federal Grant Fund – Direct federal grants

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider are met. Unbilled receivables are recorded as revenues when services are provided.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the Agency's funds for indirect costs. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Agency considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on long-term debt, claims, judgments, compensated absences and pension expenditures, which are recorded as a fund liability when expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources.

State appropriations are recognized in the year designated by Minnesota Statutes. Federal grants are recognized in the year during which the eligible expenditures are made. If the amounts of federal grants cannot be reasonably estimated or realization is not reasonably assured, they are not recognized as revenue in the current year. Amounts owed to the Agency which are not available are recorded as receivables and unavailable revenues. Amounts received before eligibility requirements (excluding time requirements) are met are recorded as liabilities. Amounts received in advance of meeting time requirements are recorded as deferred inflows.

Revenues susceptible to accrual include federal grants and interest on investments. Other general revenues such as registration and licensing fees and miscellaneous revenues are recognized when received in cash or when measurable and available under the criteria described above.

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as described previously in this note.

The proprietary fund distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the Loan Capital Fund is payment of interest on student loans. Operating expenses for the proprietary fund include administrative expenses and provision for loan losses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

All Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity

Deposits and Investments

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Agency considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less when acquired to be cash equivalents.

Minnesota Statutes 136A.16 Subd. 8 and 11A.24 describe the investments the Agency is authorized to have.

The Agency has adopted an investment policy that addresses investment risks; that policy follows the state statute for allowable investments. The Agency may only invest in obligations maturing within three years of the date of purchase except those invested in the debt service reserve funds which can be invested to the bond maturity date. In addition, the Agency's investment policy outlines the maximum percentage of any type of deposit or investment it may have at one time and the maximum percentage of investment securities to be held at one bank or bank investment subsidiary.

Investments are stated at fair value, which is the amount at which an investment could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. No investments are reported at amortized cost. Adjustments necessary to record investments at fair value are recorded in the operating statement as increases or decreases in investment income. The difference between the bank statement balance and carrying value is due to outstanding checks and/or deposits in transit.

See Note 2 for further information.

Receivables

Loans receivable have been shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts.

During the course of operations, transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Short-term interfund loans are reported as due to and from other funds. Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the statement of net position. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as internal balances.

Restricted Assets

Mandatory segregations of assets are presented as restricted assets. Such segregations are required by bond agreements and other external parties. Restricted assets will be used for issuing new student loans and retirement of related long-term debt.

Capital Assets

Government-Wide Statements

Capital assets, which include office improvements and furniture and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Agency as assets with an initial cost of more than \$300,000 for buildings and improvements and \$30,000 for equipment and an estimated useful life of two or more years. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual amounts are unavailable. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Office improvements	10 years
Furniture and equipment	15 years

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same way as in the government-wide statements.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

A deferred outflow of resources represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that future time.

Compensated Absences

Under terms of employment, employees are granted sick leave and vacation time in varying amounts. Only benefits considered to be vested are disclosed in these statements.

All vested sick leave and vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements and are payable with expendable available resources.

Employees are not compensated for unused sick leave upon termination; however, unused sick leave enters into the computation of severance pay. All employees who have provided 5 to 20 years or more of continuous State of Minnesota service (depending on employment contract terms) are entitled to receive severance pay upon any separation, except discharge for just cause from service. Severance is calculated based upon a formula using an employee's unused sick leave balance.

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All eligible employees accrue vacation at a rate that varies with length of service. Any employee who has been employed more than six months and who has separated from State of Minnesota service is compensated in cash at his or her current rate at the time of separation. However, no payment shall exceed 275 to 280 hours (depending on employment contract terms), except in the case of death.

Payments for sick leave and vacation will be made at rates in effect when the benefits are used. Accumulated sick leave and vacation liabilities at June 30, 2024 are determined on the basis of current salary rates.

Long-Term Obligations

All long-term obligations to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term obligations consist of bonds payable, accrued compensated absences, net pension liability and total other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability.

Long-term obligations for governmental funds are not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The face values of debts (plus any premiums) are reported as other financing sources and payments of principal and interest are reported as expenditures. The accounting in proprietary funds is the same as it is in the government-wide statements.

For the government-wide statements and proprietary fund statements, bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the issue using the straight-line method. The balance at year-end is shown as an increase or decrease in the liability section of the statement of net position.

The Agency is restricted on the amount of interest that can be earned on loans pledged as collateral to nontaxable bonds compared to interest expense. This limit is 2% and in the current year, the yield did not exceed this limit. An arbitrage liability was not recorded.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

A deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

Equity Classifications

Government-Wide Statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. **Net Investment in Capital Assets** - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances (excluding unspent debt proceeds) of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- b. **Restricted Net Position** - Consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or, 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. **Unrestricted Net Position** - All other net position that does not meet the definition of restricted or net investment in capital assets.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Agency's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance and displayed as follows:

- a. **Nonspendable** - Includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in spendable form or because legal or contractual requirements require them to be maintained intact.
- b. **Restricted** - Consists of fund balances with constraints placed on their use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. **Committed** - Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision-making authority. Fund balance amounts are committed through a formal action of the Commissioner. This formal action must occur prior to the end of the reporting period, but the amount of the commitment, which will be subject to the constraints, may be determined in the subsequent period. Any changes to the constraints imposed require the same formal action of the Commissioner that originally created the commitment.
- d. **Assigned** - Includes spendable fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. The Commissioner may take official action to assign amounts. Assignments may take place after the end of the reporting period.
- e. **Unassigned** - Includes residual positive fund balance within the general fund which has not been classified within the other above-mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed or assigned for those specific purposes.

Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

The Agency considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents / contracts that prohibit doing this, such as in grant agreements requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the Agency would first use committed, then assigned and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

See Note 2 for further information.

Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) and additions to/deductions from MSRS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MSRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense, the Agency is part of the State's single employer defined benefit retiree healthcare plan. The Agency recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. As the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense are immaterial to the Agency's financial statements, additional disclosures regarding the plan description, benefits provided, employees covered, assumptions and other inputs, details of changes in the total OPEB liability, sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate and healthcare cost trend rates and covered payroll are intentionally omitted from these financial statements.

2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

Deposits and Investments

The Agency's deposits and investments at year-end were comprised of the following:

	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Associated Risks</u>
Money market mutual fund investments	\$ 275,590,184	\$ 275,603,923	None
Demand deposits	375,896	381,967	Custodial credit risk
Pooled cash held by state treasury	<u>286,116,366</u>	<u>286,116,366</u>	N/A
Total deposits and investments	<u>\$ 562,082,446</u>	<u>\$ 562,102,256</u>	

Reconciliation to financial statements

Per statement of net position:

Cash and investments	\$ 345,871,257
Restricted cash and investments	<u>216,211,189</u>
Total deposits and investments	<u>\$ 562,082,446</u>

Deposits in each local and area bank are insured by the FDIC in the amount of \$250,000 for time and savings accounts (including NOW accounts) and \$250,000 for demand deposit accounts (interest-bearing and noninterest bearing). In addition, if deposits are held in an institution outside of the state in which the government is located, insured amounts are further limited to a total of \$250,000 for the combined amount of all deposit accounts.

The Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), created by the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970, is an independent government-sponsored corporation (not an agency of the U.S. government). SIPC membership provides account protection up to a maximum of \$500,000 per customer, of which \$100,000 may be in cash.

Deposits in accounts at U.S. Bank are also secured by a \$2,000,000 Federal Home Loan Bank letter of credit.

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Custodial Credit Risk

Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the Agency's deposits may not be returned to the Agency.

The Agency does not have any deposits exposed to custodial credit risk.

Receivables

Receivables as of year-end for the Agency's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

Fund	Gross Receivables	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Receivables	Amounts not Expected to Be Collected Within One Year
General	\$ 197,636	\$ -	\$ 197,636	\$ -
Loan Capital	430,059,415	6,754,605	423,304,810	358,021,626
Nonmajor Funds	1,061,682	-	1,061,682	-

Loans receivable include amounts due within one year and amounts due in more than one year, based upon loan schedules with each student (loan holder). Approximately 15.14% of the balance is expected to be collected during fiscal year 2025, based on collections in fiscal year 2024.

SELF 3, 4, and 5 loans are no longer being issued by the Agency. SELF 3 and 4 loans are only variable rate, while SELF 5 loans can be variable or fixed rate. The variable interest rate on outstanding SELF 3, 4, and 5 loans is equal to the three-month average of the three-month InterBank Offered Rate (IBOR) plus a current margin of 2.25%. The variable interest rate cannot change more than three percentage points in any four consecutive calendar quarters. The variable rate was 7.85% as of June 30, 2024.

Repayment of interest for SELF 3, 4 and 5 loans begins within 90 days after disbursement and is due quarterly thereafter. Principal payments begin no later than 36 months after graduation or when the borrower drops below less than half time enrollment.

SELF 6 loans are also no longer being issued by the Agency. SELF 6 loans can be variable or fixed rate. The variable rate is equal to the three-month term Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) plus a current margin of 2.25%. The SOFR indexed rate was 7.55%, as of June 30, 2024.

SELF 7 loans started in February 2024 with both fixed and variable rate loans available. The variable rate is equal to the three-month term Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) plus a current margin of 2.00 - 2.50%, which varies respectively with a term of 10, 15, or 20 years. The fixed rate was 6.35 - 6.85%. The SOFR indexed rate was 7.30 - 7.80%, as of June 30, 2024.

Monthly payments currently set at \$15 per SELF 7 loan are required during School and Transition periods. Any unpaid interest from the School and Transition periods are capitalized at the end of the Transition period. The Transition period begins upon: graduation, if enrollment drops below half-time, or if the student transfers to a school which does not qualify.

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SELF Refi variable and fixed rate loans were offered for the first time in January 2016 to Minnesota residents who have earned a postsecondary credential and meet other eligibility requirements set forth by the Agency. Multiple fixed and variable interest rate options are available based on the repayment term of 5, 10 or 15 years. All SELF Refi Loans enter immediate repayment. The IBOR indexed SELF Refi variable rates ranged from 7.80% - 9.15%. The interest rate is equal to the three-month average of the one-month IBOR, plus a current margin ranging from 2.40% - 3.75%. The Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) indexed SELF Refi variable rates ranged from 7.80% - 9.05%. The interest rate is equal to the three-month term SOFR, plus a current margin ranging from 2.50% - 3.75%. Fixed rates offered over the past year ranged from 6.0% - 7.0% as of June 30, 2024. The interest rate on fixed rate loans will not change over the life of the loan. The Agency has the option to offer different fixed rates to future borrowers.

All SELF and SELF Refi loans are unsecured. The Agency requires a credit worthy cosigner on each SELF 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 loan. For SELF Refi loans, if a borrower meets the minimum credit score and maximum debt-to-income ratio, a cosigner is not required. For all SELF and SELF Refi loans, the Agency is able to intercept state tax refunds for both borrower and cosigner (where applicable) in the event of default in addition to other collection methods. The balance for all SELF loans at June 30, 2024 was \$421,896,802.

An allowance for uncollectible SELF 3, SELF 4, SELF 5, SELF 6, SELF 7 and SELF Refi loans is provided for in the financial statements and an equal amount of the allowance is maintained as restricted cash in the Loan Capital Fund. The Loan Capital Fund provides for loan losses sufficient to maintain the total balance in the allowance at a level equal to 1.6% of the total outstanding loan balance and also designates restricted cash equal to the balance of the allowance. Recoveries on defaulted SELF loans are credited to the Loan Capital Fund as revenue in the year received.

The activity for the allowance for uncollectible loans on all loan types for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Beginning balance	\$ 6,772,467
Provision for loan losses	1,922,149
Write-off of loans	<u>(1,940,011)</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 6,754,605</u>

Recovery on defaulted loans of \$4,671,946 for the year ended June 30, 2024 is recognized as a reduction in the provision for loan losses.

Restricted Assets

The following represent the balances of the restricted assets:

Long-Term Debt Accounts

Revenue - Used to deposit student loan payments of principal and interest. Payments from this account are made to investors for bond interest and to finance additional student loans.

Surplus - Used to deposit excess funds from the revenue account and to finance additional student loans.

Acquisition - Used to deposit initial funds at bond issuance and used to finance student loans.

Debt Service Reserve - Used to reserve funds based on bond indenture requirements for potential deficiencies in the revenue account or the surplus account.

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Bad Debt Reserve Account

The Loan Capital Fund established a bad debt reserve account to purchase uncollectible student loans. This account equals the allowance for uncollectible SELF loans and SELF Refi loans. This fund is replenished quarterly.

Following is a list of restricted assets (long term debt and bad debt reserve accounts) at June 30, 2024:

	Restricted Assets
Revenue account	\$ 90,505,848
Surplus account	114,305,736
Acquisition account	678
Redemption account	80,854
Debt service reserve account	4,560,781
Capitalized interest account	2,687
Bad debt reserve account	6,754,605
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Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 216,211,189</u>

Interfund Receivables/Payables

The following is a schedule of interfund receivables and payables including any overdrafts on pooled cash and investment accounts:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Federal Grant Fund	\$ 363,542
Less fund eliminations		<u>(363,542)</u>
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Total, government-wide statement of net position		<u>\$ -</u>

The interfund payable is expected to be paid within one year. The purpose of the interfund is to cover an overdraft of pooled cash.

For the statement of net position, interfund balances which are owed within the governmental activities or business-type activities are netted and eliminated.

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Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Office improvements	\$ 1,200,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200,443
Furniture and equipment	175,807	-	-	175,807
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,376,250	-	-	1,376,250
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Office improvements	(540,198)	(120,045)	-	(660,243)
Furniture and equipment	(52,743)	(11,720)	-	(64,463)
Total accumulated depreciation	(592,941)	(131,765)	-	(724,706)
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 783,309</u>	<u>\$ (131,765)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 651,544</u>

\$131,765 of depreciation expense was charged to the governmental activities function of administration expense.

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 28,601	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,601
Total capital assets being depreciated	28,601	-	-	28,601
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Furniture and equipment	(8,581)	(1,906)	-	(10,487)
Total accumulated depreciation	(8,581)	(1,906)	-	(10,487)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 20,020</u>	<u>\$ (1,906)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 18,114</u>

\$1,906 of depreciation expense was charged to the loan capital fund.

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Long-Term Obligations

Long-term obligations activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental Activities					
Other liabilities:					
Vested compensated absences	\$ 591,998	\$ 797,002	\$ 645,000	\$ 744,000	\$ 57,000
Total OPEB liability	426,750	22,500	-	449,250	27,750
Net pension liability	1,844,103	-	692,605	1,151,498	-
Total governmental activities, long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 2,862,851</u>	<u>\$ 819,502</u>	<u>\$ 1,337,605</u>	<u>\$ 2,344,748</u>	<u>\$ 84,750</u>
Business-Type Activities					
Bonds payable:					
Revenue bonds	\$ 113,800,000	\$ -	\$ 2,790,000	\$ 111,010,000	\$ 4,240,000
Revenue bonds, direct placement	200,000,000	-	-	200,000,000	-
Add/(subtract) amounts for: (Discounts)/premiums	1,555,537	-	671,214	884,323	-
Total bonds payable	<u>315,355,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,461,214</u>	<u>311,894,323</u>	<u>4,240,000</u>
Other liabilities:					
Vested compensated absences	249,000	155,000	151,000	253,000	25,000
Total OPEB liability	142,250	7,500	-	149,750	9,250
Net pension liability	546,897	-	215,395	331,502	-
Total other liabilities	<u>938,147</u>	<u>162,500</u>	<u>366,395</u>	<u>734,252</u>	<u>34,250</u>
Total business-type activities, long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 316,293,684</u>	<u>\$ 162,500</u>	<u>\$ 3,827,609</u>	<u>\$ 312,628,575</u>	<u>\$ 4,274,250</u>

The issued revenue bonds and direct placement revenue bonds do not constitute debt of the State of Minnesota.

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the aggregate amount of revenue bonds and direct placement revenue bonds, issued directly by the Agency, outstanding at any one time, not including refunded bonds or otherwise defeased or discharged bonds, shall not exceed \$850,000,000. Revenue bonds and direct placement revenue bonds outstanding at year-end were \$311,010,000.

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All of the revenue and direct placement revenue bonds were issued to provide SELF student loans to borrowers.

	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate as of June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Interest Rates Reset (Days)</u>	<u>Original Indebtedness</u>	<u>Balance, June 30, 2024</u>
Revenue Bonds						
Supplemental Student Loan Program Fixed Rate Revenue Bonds:						
Series 2023 revenue bonds	June 2023	November 2042	4.39%	N/A	\$ 54,775,000	\$ 54,775,000
Series 2020 revenue bonds	March 2020	November 2036	3.30	N/A	57,690,000	39,780,000
Series 2018 revenue bonds	November 2018	November 2028	4.51	N/A	54,535,000	<u>16,455,000</u>
Total revenue bonds						<u>\$ 111,010,000</u>
Revenue Bonds, Direct Placement						
Supplemental Student Loan Program Variable Rate Revenue Bonds:						
Series 2017C revenue bonds	July 2017	October 2046	3.94%	30	\$ 58,300,000	\$ 40,000,000
Series 2012B-2 revenue bonds	September 2012	July 2046	4.24	30	270,800,000	100,000,000
Supplemental Student Loan Program Fixed Rate Revenue Bonds:						
Series 2017B revenue bonds	July 2017	October 2046	1.57	N/A	60,000,000	<u>60,000,000</u>
Total revenue bonds, direct placement						<u>\$ 200,000,000</u>

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Annual debt service requirements to maturity for revenue bonds and direct placement revenue bonds, including interest at June 30, 2024 rates for variable rate bonds, are as follows:

	Business-Type Activities			
	Revenue Bonds		Revenue Bonds, Direct Placement	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
Years ending June 30:				
2025	\$ 4,240,000	\$ 4,430,045	\$ -	\$ 8,330,000
2026	5,540,000	4,218,045	-	8,330,000
2027	5,305,000	3,941,045	-	8,330,000
2028	8,195,000	3,623,063	-	8,330,000
2029	9,725,000	3,249,164	-	8,330,000
2030-2034	36,835,000	11,380,059	-	41,650,000
2035-2039	28,540,000	4,445,393	-	41,650,000
2040-2044	12,630,000	819,600	33,300,000	41,650,000
2045-2047	-	-	166,700,000	23,421,570
Total	\$ 111,010,000	\$ 36,106,414	\$ 200,000,000	\$ 190,021,570

All the bond series, including direct placement bonds, are secured by the revenues derived by the Agency from student loans financed by the proceeds of the bonds. There is no additional collateral maintained for any of the bonds.

Rates on Revenue Bonds

The rates on the tax-exempt Series 2018 bonds are fixed and range from 4% - 5%. The serial bonds have a rate of 5% and maturity dates that range from November 2022 through November 2026. The term bond has a rate of 4% and a maturity date of 2028, but has mandatory sinking fund payments and mandatory redemption from November 2027 through November 2028.

The rates on the tax-exempt Series 2020 bonds are fixed and range from 2.65% - 5%. The serial bonds have a rate of 5% and maturity dates that range from November 2023 through November 2027. The term bond has a rate of 2.65% and a maturity date of 2036, but has mandatory sinking fund payments and mandatory redemption from November 2028 through November 2036.

The rates on the tax-exempt Series 2023 bonds are fixed and range from 4% - 5%. The serial bonds have a rate of 5% and maturity dates that range from November 2027 through November 2033. The term bond has a rate of 4% and a maturity date of 2042, but has mandatory sinking fund payments and mandatory redemption from November 2034 through November 2042.

In addition to the sinking fund payments and mandatory redemptions discussed above, the Series 2018, Series 2020 and Series 2023 term bonds are subject to potential special mandatory redemption on each interest payment date. The special mandatory redemption is calculated from excess revenues that do not constitute excess coverage. The interest payment dates occur on May 1 and November 1. Excess revenues that do not constitute excess coverage for the November 1, 2024 interest payment date has been determined and a special mandatory redemption is included in the debt service table above for the year ending 2024. The debt service table above does not include potential special mandatory redemptions for the years ending 2025 and thereafter as the amounts cannot be calculated as of June 30, 2024.

Rates on Revenue Bonds, Direct Placement

The rates on the tax-exempt Series 2012B-2 bonds are variable rate. For the variable rate bonds, the rate is a monthly average of the daily Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) plus a set margin and the rate changes daily. The rate is adjusted by the margin rate factor if the maximum corporate tax rate changes. The bonds have mandatory redemption dates at various years throughout the life of the bonds with a balloon payment due at final maturity.

The rates on the tax-exempt Series 2017B bonds are fixed rate. For the fixed rate bonds, the rate is set at 1.57%. The bonds have a mandatory redemption date in 2043 and a balloon payment due at final maturity.

The rates on the tax-exempt Series 2017C bonds are variable rate. For the variable rate bonds, the rate is a percentage of the one-month LIBOR plus a set margin and the rate changes monthly. The bonds have a mandatory balloon payment due at final maturity.

Bond Indentures - Revenue Bonds and Direct Placement Revenue Bonds

The Series 2023 bonds require the Agency to maintain a debt service account equal to the greater of 2% of the outstanding revenue bond balance or \$547,750. The amount required to be on deposit at year-end is \$1,095,500 and the Agency met this requirement. The Series 2020 bonds require the Agency to maintain a debt service account equal to the greater of 2% of the outstanding revenue bond balance or \$572,250. The amount required to be on deposit at year-end is \$795,600 and the Agency met this requirement. The Series 2018 bonds require the Agency to maintain a debt service account equal to the greater of 2% of the outstanding revenue bond balance or \$550,000. The amount required to be on deposit at year-end is \$550,000 and the Agency met this requirement. The Series 2017B and 2017C bonds require the Agency to maintain a debt service account equal to 1% of the outstanding revenue bond balance, subject to a minimum of \$500,000. The amount required to be on deposit at year-end is \$1,000,000 and the Agency met this requirement. The Series 2012B bonds require the Agency to maintain a debt service account equal to 1% of the outstanding revenue bond balance. The amount required to be on deposit at year-end is \$1,000,000 and the Agency met this requirement. There are a number of other limitations and restrictions contained in the various bond indentures (see also Note 2. Restricted Assets). The Agency believes it is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions.

The Agency's outstanding debt related to business-type activities of \$111,010,000 and outstanding debt from direct placements related to business-type activities of \$200,000,000 contain provisions that in an event of default the Agency may pursue remedies to cure the default. Bondholders may further pursue the default including, but not limited to, declaring the entire outstanding balance of the debt immediately due and payable.

All bond series, including direct placement bonds, are to be repaid solely from the money and investments held by the trustees.

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For all bonds, including direct placement bonds, an early repayment provision exists. For the Series 2012B bonds, the Agency must receive the written consent of the credit provider or bank purchaser, as applicable, prior to an optional redemption. The Agency must also pay a fee to the bank purchaser in connection with each optional redemption prior to the second anniversary of the effective date of the Continuing Covenant Agreement. While in variable mode, any Series 2017 bonds may be redeemed in whole or in part on any business day at the option of the issuer, with the prior written consent of the credit provider or bank purchaser, as applicable, at the redemption price. If only part of the Series 2017 bonds is to be redeemed, the part to be redeemed must be in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereafter. The foregoing sentence does not apply if the aggregate outstanding principal balance of a Series 2017 bonds to be redeemed is less than \$1,000,000. The Series 2018 bonds maturing on November 1, 2028 are subject to optional redemptions on any date occurring on or after November 1, 2026 at the option of the issuer. The Series 2018 Bonds maturing on November 1, 2028, are subject to optional redemptions prior to their stated maturity, in whole or in part, on each interest payment date that is a potential special optional excess revenues redemption date, in such amounts as directed by the issuer, but solely from excess revenues derived from or allocable to the Series 2018 bonds. The Series 2020 bonds maturing on November 1, 2036 are subject to optional redemptions on any date occurring on or after November 1, 2027 at the option of the issuer. The Series 2020 Bonds maturing on November 1, 2036, are subject to optional redemptions prior to their stated maturity, in whole or in part, on each interest payment date that is a potential special optional excess revenues redemption date, in such amounts as directed by the issuer, but solely from excess revenues derived from or allocable to the Series 2020 bonds. The Series 2023 bonds maturing on November 1, 2042 are subject to optional redemptions on any date occurring on or after November 1, 2033 at the option of the issuer. The Series 2023 Bonds maturing on November 1, 2042, are subject to optional redemptions prior to their stated maturity, in whole or in part, on each interest payment date that is a potential special optional excess revenues redemption date, in such amounts as directed by the issuer, but solely from excess revenues derived from or allocable to the Series 2023 bonds.

Arbitrage Regulations

The \$311,010,000 of tax-exempt bonds issued by the Agency are subject to the 1986 Tax Reform Act regulations relating to arbitrage reporting and rebate. Any earnings in excess of the bond yield plus 2% must be remitted to the U.S. government not more than five years following the issue date of the bonds. As of June 30, 2024, the Agency accrued no liability resulting from the excess yield on interest rates.

Other Debt Information

Estimated payments of vested compensated absences, total OPEB liability and net pension liability are not included in the debt service requirement schedules. These liabilities that are attributable to governmental activities will be liquidated by the general, special revenue and gifts and federal grant funds. See Note 3 for additional disclosures related to the net pension liability.

Net Position

Certain net positions are classified in the statement of net position as restricted because their use is limited. The business-type activities report restricted net position for amounts that are not available for operations or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. As of June 30, 2024, the business-type activities restricted net position is restricted for debt service.

The Agency's business-type activities net position (up to a certain level) is restricted for debt service according to bond financial covenants. The amount subject to the restriction is \$750,000,000 as of June 30, 2024.

As the Agency's net position is less than the required minimum per the bond covenants, the net position is shown first as invested in capital assets and then as restricted for loan capital fund use, as required in the bond financial covenants.

3. Other Information

Pension

Plan Description

The State Employees Retirement Fund (SERF) is administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) and is established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 352. SERF includes the General Employees Retirement Plan (General Plan), a multiple-employer, cost-sharing defined benefit plan.

MSRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at www.msrs.state.mn.us/annual-reports-fy-2023; by writing to MSRS at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 300, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55103; or by calling 651.296.2761 or 800.657.5757.

Benefits Provided

MSRS provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries through the SERF. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state legislature. Benefits are based on a member's age, years of credit and the highest average salary for any sixty successive months of allowable service at termination of service. Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. Annuitants receive postretirement benefit increases of 1.0% through 2023 and 1.5% thereafter.

Retirement benefits can be computed using one of two methods: the Step formula and the Level formula. Members hired before July 1, 1989, may use the Step or Level formula, whichever is greater. It also includes full benefits under the Rule of 90 (age plus years of allowable service equals 90). Members hired on or after July 1, 1989, must use the Level formula (not Rule of 90 eligible). Each formula converts years and months of service to a certain percentage. Under the Step formula, members receive 1.2% of the high-five average salary for each of the first 10 years of covered service, then 1.7% for each year thereafter. Under the Level formula, members receive 1.7% of the high-five average salary for all years of covered service and full benefits are available at normal retirement age.

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Contributions

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 352 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Eligible General Plan members and participating employers were required to contribute 5.50% and 6.25%, respectively, of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2024. The Agency's contribution to the General Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 was \$452,496. These contributions were equal to the contractually required contributions as set by state statute.

Actuarial Assumptions

The Agency's net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25% per year
Active member payroll growth	3.00% per year
Investment rate of return	7.00%

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors and disabilitants were based on Pub-2010 mortality tables using projection scale MP-2018, adjusted by a multiplier to match fund experience. Benefit increases for retirees are assumed to be 1.0% through 2023 and 1.5% thereafter.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2022.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 6.75%. During fiscal year 2016, the State Board of Investment (SBI) hired an outside consultant to perform an asset and liability study. Based on the study, the SBI staff proposed an update to the asset allocation, which yields a lower nominal expected return. Asset allocation studies are typically completed every five years; a new study is expected in the near future.

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The SBI's long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building-block method. Best estimates of future real rates of return (expected returns, net of inflation) were developed for each asset class using both long-term historical returns and long-term capital market expectations from a number of investment management and consulting organizations. The asset class estimates and target allocations were then combined to produce a geometric, long-term expected real rate of return for the portfolio. Inflation expectations were applied to derive the nominal rate of return for the portfolio as summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	SBI's Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric Mean)
Domestic equity	33.5 %	5.10 %
International equity	16.5	5.30
Fixed income	25.0	0.75
Private markets	25.0	5.90

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the single discount rates assumes that plan member and employer contributions will be made at the current statutory contribution rates. Based on the selected assumptions, the fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members through fiscal year 2123. Therefore, the discount rate is the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments, which was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The single discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%, an increase of 0.25% from the single discount rate that was used for the four funds in fiscal year 2022.

Net Pension Liability

At June 30, 2024, the Agency reported a liability of \$1,483,000 for its proportionate share of MSRS' net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Agency's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Agency's contributions received by MSRS during the measurement period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of MSRS's participating employers. At June 30, 2023, the Agency's proportion was .15435%, which was an increase of .00885% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

There were no changes of benefit terms for any participating employer in the Minnesota State Retirement System.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2023:

- The investment return and single discount rates increased from 6.75% to 7.00%.

The following changes in plan provisions occurred in 2023:

- The member contribution rate was changed from 6.00% to 5.50% of pay for two years, effective July 1, 2023.
- A one-time direct state aid contribution of \$76.4 million was contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.

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- The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024 was eliminated.
- A 1.00% one-time, non-compounding benefit increase will be payable in a lump sum by March 31, 2024.
- The vesting period for members hired after June 30, 2010 was changed from five years to three years.

Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the discount rate paragraph above, as well as what the 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 discount rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.00%)
Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 5,001,000	\$ 1,483,000	\$ (1,217,000)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the MSRS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, available on the MSRS website (www.msrs.state.mn.us/annual-reports-fy-2023).

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Agency recognized pension expense (income) of \$342,000. At June 30, 2024, the Agency reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 178,000	\$ 10,000
Changes of assumptions	1,158,000	1,250,000
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on investments	-	148,000
Changes in proportion and differences between actual contributions and proportionate share of contributions	53,000	4,000
Contributions paid to MSRS subsequent to the measurement date	390,000	-
Total	\$ 1,779,000	\$ 1,412,000

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Agency contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	Pension Expense Amount
Years ending June 30:	
2025	\$ (59,000)
2026	(45,000)
2027	297,000
2028	(216,000)

Risk Management

The Agency is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; workers compensation; and health care of its employees. The Agency is self-insured through the State of Minnesota for all types of losses. A fee is paid annually for property insurance and an administrative fee is paid annually for workers' compensation, but no other premiums are paid.

Commitments and Contingencies

Claims and judgments are recorded as liabilities if all the conditions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncements are met. The liability and expenditure for claims and judgments is only reported in governmental fund types if it has matured. Claims and judgments are recorded in the government-wide statements and proprietary funds as expenses when the related liabilities are incurred. There were no significant claims or judgments at year-end.

From time to time, the Agency is party to various pending claims and legal proceedings. Although the outcome of such matters cannot be forecasted with certainty, it is the opinion of management and the Agency's attorney that the likelihood is remote that any such claims or proceedings will have a material adverse effect on the Agency's financial position or results of operations.

The Agency has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursements to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grants. Management believes such disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

Funding for the operating budget of the Agency's general fund comes from the State of Minnesota. The Agency's general fund is dependent on continued approval and funding by the Minnesota governor and legislature, through their budget processes. Any changes made by the State to appropriations for the Agency's general fund could have a significant impact on the future operating results of the Agency.

Effect of New Accounting Standards on Current Period Financial Statements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has approved the following:

- Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*
- Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*
- Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*
- Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*

When they become effective, application of these standards may restate portions of these financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
General Administration	\$ 6,498,000	\$ 5,304,822	\$ 5,304,822	\$ -
MN Link Gateway and Minitex Library	6,555,000	6,555,000	6,555,000	-
Student Loan Debt Counsel	200,000	199,711	199,711	-
Black Men Teach Twin Cities	-	100,272	100,272	-
Emergency Assistance	3,579,000	1,762,863	1,762,863	-
American Indian Scholarship	3,500,000	3,306,301	3,306,301	-
Tribal College Grants	3,150,000	226,622	226,622	-
State Grant Program	246,744,000	243,732,929	243,732,929	-
Child Care Grants	6,694,000	6,674,636	6,674,636	-
Safety Officer Survivors	100,000	56,897	56,897	-
Summer Academic Enrichment	250,000	546,475	546,475	-
Interstate Reciprocity	8,500,000	8,500,000	8,500,000	-
State Work Study	14,502,000	12,855,879	12,855,879	-
Grants to Teacher Candidates	1,300,000	1,717,992	1,717,992	-
Large Animal Veterinarian Loan Forgiveness	375,000	-	-	-
Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness	1,000,000	-	-	-
Agriculture Loan Forgiveness	50,000	-	-	-
Aviation Loan Forgiveness	25,000	-	-	-
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Grant	200,000	196,855	196,855	-
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	55,000	-	-	-
Minnesota Life College	2,000,000	1,572,466	1,572,466	-
Student Parent Information	122,000	91,327	91,327	-
MN Education Equity Partnership	45,000	90,000	90,000	-
Get Ready	180,000	68,677	68,677	-
Intervention College Attendance	1,942,000	872,750	872,750	-
Statewide Longitudinal Data	2,550,000	2,265,135	2,265,135	-
College Possible	550,000	674,981	674,981	-
Midwest Compact	115,000	115,000	115,000	-
United Family Practice	501,000	-	-	-
HCMC Program	645,000	645,000	645,000	-
Spinal Cord & Traumatic Brain Injury Research Grants	3,000,000	-	-	-
Campus Sexual Assault Reporting	25,000	24,335	24,335	-
Sexual Violence Prevention	100,000	97,545	97,545	-
Sexual Prevention Outreach	50,000	65,400	65,400	-
Dual Training Competency Grants: OHE	8,020,000	-	-	-
Grants for Underrepresented Student Teachers	1,925,000	865,711	865,711	-
Hunger Free Campus Grants	1,500,000	39,953	39,953	-
Aspiring Teachers of Color	-	1,369,082	1,369,082	-
Direct Admissions	650,000	656,509	656,509	-
Concurrent Enrollment	340,000	138,718	138,718	-
Fostering Independence	4,247,000	7,488,609	7,488,609	-
ALS Research	-	241,892	241,892	-
Student Parent Support	3,000,000	234,246	234,246	-
Director Tribal Relations	134,000	26,887	26,887	-
American Indian Scholars	8,500,000	-	-	-
Higher Ed Pub Serv Feasibility	75,000	29,955	29,955	-
Inclusive Higher Education	1,000,000	137,035	137,035	-
Paramedic Scholarship Program	3,200,000	31,324	31,324	-
Addiction Medicine Grad Fellow	270,000	270,000	270,000	-
Unemployment Insurance Aid	158,000	-	-	-
Foster Care Grant	500,000	97,052	97,052	-
North Star Promise Admin	496,000	206,387	206,387	-
Student Basic Needs Work Group	44,000	5,749	5,749	-
MNSCU Course Placement Prac	250,000	96,625	96,625	-
CNA Training	3,000,000	-	-	-
SAEP ICAP ARP	-	29,817	29,817	-
Total revenues	352,411,000	310,285,421	310,285,421	-

See notes to required supplementary information

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule -

General Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		With Final Budget
Expenditures				
General Administration	\$ 6,498,000	\$ 5,309,342	\$ 5,304,822	\$ 4,520
MN Link Gateway and Minitex Library	6,555,000	6,555,000	6,555,000	-
Student Loan Debt Counsel	200,000	199,724	199,710	14
Black Men Teach Twin Cities	-	25,000	100,272	(75,272)
Emergency Assistance	3,579,000	3,565,776	1,762,863	1,802,913
American Indian Scholarship	3,500,000	3,437,832	3,306,301	131,531
Tribal College Grants	3,150,000	1,105,841	226,622	879,219
State Grant Program	246,744,000	243,933,000	243,732,929	200,071
Child Care Grants	6,694,000	6,674,636	6,674,636	-
Safety Officer Survivors	100,000	100,000	56,897	43,103
Summer Academic Enrichment	250,000	248,671	546,475	(297,804)
Interstate Reciprocity	8,500,000	8,500,000	8,500,000	-
State Work Study	14,502,000	13,878,789	12,855,879	1,022,910
Grants to Teacher Candidates	1,300,000	1,717,992	1,717,992	-
Large Animal Veterinarian Loan Forgiveness	375,000	-	-	-
Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness	1,000,000	-	-	-
Agriculture Loan Forgiveness	50,000	-	-	-
Aviation Loan Forgiveness	25,000	-	-	-
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Grant	200,000	196,855	196,855	-
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	55,000	55,000	-	55,000
Minnesota Life College	2,000,000	1,625,000	1,572,467	52,533
Student Parent Information	122,000	95,574	91,327	4,247
MN Education Equity Partnership	45,000	45,000	90,000	(45,000)
Get Ready	180,000	73,027	68,677	4,350
Intervention College Attendance	1,942,000	1,451,151	872,750	578,401
Statewide Longitudinal Data	2,550,000	2,253,592	2,265,135	(11,543)
College Possible	550,000	550,000	674,981	(124,981)
Midwest Compact	115,000	115,000	115,000	-
United Family Practice	501,000	501,000	-	501,000
HCMC Program	645,000	645,000	645,000	-
Spinal Cord & Traumatic Brain Injury Research Grants	3,000,000	-	-	-
Campus Sexual Assault Reporting	25,000	24,335	24,335	-
Sexual Violence Prevention	100,000	97,545	97,545	-
Sexual Prevention Outreach	50,000	37,364	65,400	(28,036)
Dual Training Competency Grants: OHE	8,020,000	-	-	-
Grants for Underrepresented Student Teachers	1,925,000	865,711	865,711	-
Hunger Free Campus Grants	1,500,000	-	39,953	(39,953)
Aspiring Teachers of Color	-	1,369,346	1,369,082	264
Direct Admissions	650,000	615,938	656,509	(40,571)
Concurrent Enrollment	340,000	54,623	138,718	(84,095)
Fostering Independence	4,247,000	7,590,798	7,488,609	102,189
ALS Research	-	4,341,737	241,892	4,099,845
Student Parent Support	3,000,000	234,246	234,246	-
Director Tribal Relations	134,000	26,887	26,887	-
American Indian Scholars	8,500,000	-	-	-
Higher Ed Pub Serv Feasibility	75,000	29,955	29,955	-
Inclusive Higher Education	1,000,000	250,000	137,035	112,965
Paramedic Scholarship Program	3,200,000	31,324	31,324	-
Addiction Medicine Grad Fellow	270,000	270,000	270,000	-
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Foster Care Grant	500,000	500,000	97,052	402,948
North Star Promise Admin	496,000	206,387	206,387	-
Student Basic Needs Work Group	44,000	5,749	5,749	-
MNSCU Course Placement Prac	250,000	231,625	96,625	135,000
CNA Training	3,000,000	-	-	-
SAEP ICAP ARP	-	-	29,817	(29,817)
Total expenditures	352,411,000	319,641,372	310,285,421	9,355,951
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ (9,355,951)	\$ -	\$ 9,355,951

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Schedule of Agency's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

State Employees Retirement Fund (SERF)

Year Ended June 30, 2024

SERF Fiscal Year End Date (Measurement Date)	Agency's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	Agency's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	Agency's Covered Payroll	Agency's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
6/30/23	0.15435%	\$ 1,483,000	\$ 6,065,868	24.45%	94.54%
6/30/22	0.14550%	2,391,000	5,570,793	42.92%	90.60%
6/30/21	0.13615%	111,000	4,947,565	2.24%	99.53%
6/30/20	0.13387%	1,778,000	4,738,043	37.53%	91.25%
6/30/19	0.13477%	1,896,000	4,407,947	43.01%	90.73%
6/30/18	0.12777%	1,771,000	4,081,578	43.39%	90.56%
6/30/17	0.13412%	9,949,000	4,064,510	244.78%	62.73%
6/30/16	0.12541%	15,549,000	3,674,811	423.12%	47.51%
6/30/15	0.12233%	1,883,000	3,365,517	55.95%	88.32%
6/30/14	0.11911%	1,930,000	3,847,610	50.16%	87.64%

Schedule of Contributions

State Employees Retirement Fund (SERF)

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Agency Year End Date	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
6/30/24	\$ 452,496	\$ 452,496	\$ -	\$ 7,267,291	6.23%
6/30/23	377,815	377,815	-	6,065,868	6.23%
6/30/22	337,999	337,999	-	5,570,793	6.07%
6/30/21	302,813	302,813	-	4,947,565	6.12%
6/30/20	294,721	294,721	-	4,738,043	6.22%
6/30/19	261,562	261,562	-	4,407,947	5.93%
6/30/18	225,299	225,299	-	4,081,578	5.52%
6/30/17	215,688	215,688	-	4,064,510	5.31%
6/30/16	198,648	198,648	-	3,674,811	5.41%
6/30/15	182,084	182,084	-	3,365,517	5.41%

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Budgetary Information

Budgetary information is derived from the annual operating budget and is presented using generally accepted accounting principles and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The State of Minnesota operates on a biennial budget. Every other year Agency appropriations must be approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives and signed by the governor for the upcoming two-year period, which begins in July of odd numbered years. Budgets for each appropriation awarded to the Agency are prepared by the Agency and submitted to the Minnesota Management and Budget Agency and set up in the state's accounting system.

Expenditures cannot legally exceed the total initially appropriated unless supplemental appropriations are enacted into law.

The budget is prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgetary control is at the appropriation level. Unexpended appropriations from the first year (year ended June 30, 2024) of the biennium are carried over and are available for operations in the second year (year ended June 30, 2025) of the biennium.

Unspent appropriations at the end of a biennium shall be returned to the fund from which appropriated. The Agency's expenditures are classified according to the State administrative guidelines. Agency funds are disbursed by the Minnesota Management and Budget Agency.

A budget has been legally adopted for the Agency's general fund. The budgeted amounts presented include any amendments made. The chief financial officer may authorize transfers of budgeted amounts between appropriations as allowable by state statutes.

Minnesota State Retirement System

The amounts determined for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30 of the prior fiscal year.

The Agency is required to present the last 10 fiscal years of data; however accounting standards allow the presentation of as many years as are available until 10 fiscal years are presented.

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes of benefit terms for any participating employer in the Minnesota State Retirement System.

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions and Plan Provisions

2023 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The investment return and single discount rates increased from 6.75% to 7.00%.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The member contribution rate was changed from 6.00% to 5.50% of pay for two years, effective July 1, 2023.
- A one-time direct state aid contribution of \$76.4 million was contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.
- The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024 was eliminated.

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Year Ended June 30, 2024

- A 1.00% one-time, non-compounding benefit increase will be payable in a lump sum by March 31, 2024.
- The vesting period for members hired after June 30, 2010 was changed from five years to three years.

2022 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The investment return and single discount rates increased from 6.50% to 6.75%.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the previous valuation.

2021 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The investment return and single discount rates decreased from 7.50% to 6.50%.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the previous valuation.

2020 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50% to 2.25%.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed, resulting in proposed rates that average 0.25% less than the previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed, resulting in more unreduced (normal) retirement, fewer Rule of 90 retirements and fewer early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed, resulting in new rates which are generally lower than the previous rates for years 1 – 5 and slightly higher thereafter.
- Assumed rates of disability were changed, resulting in fewer predicted disability retirements.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2015 to Scale MP-2018. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table (with future mortality improvement according to Scale MP-2015) to the Pub-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table (with future mortality improvement according to Scale MP-2018), with adjustments.
- The percent married assumption for female members was changed from 65% to 60%.

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Year Ended June 30, 2024

- The assumed age difference was changed from three years younger for males to 2 years younger.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 50% and 100% Joint & Survivor options changed from 15% to 10% and from 30% to 65%, respectively. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 30% to 40%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the previous valuation.

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- There have been no changes since the previous valuation.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the previous valuation.

2018 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The single discount rate changed from 5.42% to 7.50%.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.
- Member contributions increased from 5.50% to 5.75% of pay, effective July 1, 2018 and 6.00% of pay effective July 1, 2019.
- Employer contributions increased from 5.50% to 5.875% of pay, effective July 1, 2018 and 6.25% of pay effective July 1, 2019.
- Interest credited on member contributions will decrease from 4.0 to 3.0%, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.0% for future accruing benefits effective January 1, 2019.
- Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.
- Postretirement benefit increases were changed from a 2.0 to 2.5% per year increase based upon funded ratio, to a fixed rate of 1.0% for five years beginning January 1, 2019 and 1.5% per year thereafter.
- For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches Normal Retirement Age.

2017 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The Combined Service Annuity loads were changed from 1.2% for active members and 40.0% for deferred members, to 0.0% for active members, 4.0% for vested deferred members and 5.0% for nonvested deferred members.
- The single discount rate changed from 4.17% to 5.42%.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect current mortality and interest assumptions, effective January 1, 2017.

2016 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- Assumed salary increase rates were changed to rates that average 0.2% greater than the previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed, resulting in fewer unreduced retirements and fewer Rule of 90 retirements. Distinct rates for reduced (Early) retirements were adopted for members hired prior to July 1, 1989 and members hired after June 30, 1989.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed, with new rates generally greater than the previous rates for years 3 through 9 and less than the previous rates after 15 years.
- Assumed rates of disability for females were reduced to 75.0% of previous rates. Rates for male members were lowered by utilizing the same disability rates as for females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2000 fully generational table to the RP-2014 fully generational table (with a base year of 2014), white collar adjustments, with age adjustments. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale AA to Scale MP-2015. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2000 disabled mortality table (no projection for future mortality improvement) to the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table (with future mortality improvement according to Scale MP-2015), with age adjustments.
- The percent married assumption was changed from 85% of active male members and 70% of female members to 80% of active male members and 65% of active female members.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 75% Joint & Survivor option changed from 10% to 15%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 75% and 100% Joint & Survivor options changed from 0% to 10% and from 25% to 30%, respectively. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.
- The assumed postretirement benefit increase rate was changed from 2.0% per year through 2043 and 2.5% per year thereafter, to 2.0% per year for all future years.
- The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was changed from 7.90% to 7.50%.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended June 30, 2024

- The single discount rate changed from 7.90% to 4.17%.
- The inflation assumption was changed from 2.75% to 2.50%.
- The payroll growth assumption was changed from 3.50% to 3.25%.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There were no changes in plan provisions in 2016.

2015 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The assumed postretirement benefit increase rate was changed from 2.0% per year through 2015 and 2.5% per year thereafter, to 2.0% per year through 2043 and 2.5% per year thereafter.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The Contribution Stabilizer statutes were revised to make changes to contribution rates less prescriptive and more flexible.
- Effective July 1, 2015, if the 2.5% postretirement benefit increase is triggered and the funded ratio subsequently drops below 80.0% for the most recent valuation year or 85.0% for two consecutive years, the postretirement benefit increase will change to 2.0% until the plan again reaches a 90.0% funded ratio for two consecutive years.

2014 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The assumed postretirement benefit increase rate was changed from 2.0% per year indefinitely, to 2.0% per year through 2015 and 2.5% per year thereafter.
- The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments changed from 6.63% to 7.90%.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The member and employer contribution rates increased from 5.0% to 5.5% of pay.
- The funded ratio threshold that must be attained to pay a 2.5% postretirement benefit increase to benefit recipients was changed from 90.0% for one year to 90.0% for two consecutive years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Combining Balance Sheet -
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	Special Revenues and Gifts Fund	Federal Grant Fund	Total
Assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 24,685,899	\$ -	\$ 24,685,899
Accounts receivable	182,986	19,946	202,932
Due from other governments	-	858,750	858,750
Total assets	<u>\$ 24,868,885</u>	<u>\$ 878,696</u>	<u>\$ 25,747,581</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 914,670	\$ 415,044	\$ 1,329,714
Accrued liabilities	42,101	80,164	122,265
Due to other governments	-	19,946	19,946
Due to other funds	-	363,542	363,542
Deposits	99,000	-	99,000
Total liabilities	<u>1,055,771</u>	<u>878,696</u>	<u>1,934,467</u>
Fund Balances			
Restricted for administration and financial aid programs	22,941,147	-	22,941,147
Assigned for agency programs	25,879	-	25,879
Assigned for indirect costs	819,496	-	819,496
Assigned for financial aid information	26,592	-	26,592
Total fund balances	<u>23,813,114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,813,114</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 24,868,885</u>	<u>\$ 878,696</u>	<u>\$ 25,747,581</u>

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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Special Revenues and Gifts Fund	Federal Grant Fund	Total
Revenues			
State appropriations	\$ 14,113,000	\$ -	\$ 14,113,000
Federal grants	-	5,401,302	5,401,302
Registration and licensing fees	453,556	-	453,556
Other revenue	826,523	-	826,523
	<u>15,393,079</u>	<u>5,401,302</u>	<u>20,794,381</u>
Total revenues			
	<u>15,393,079</u>	<u>5,401,302</u>	<u>20,794,381</u>
Expenditures			
Administration and financial aid programs	7,393,888	-	7,393,888
Federal grants	-	5,401,302	5,401,302
	<u>7,393,888</u>	<u>5,401,302</u>	<u>12,795,190</u>
Total expenditures			
	<u>7,393,888</u>	<u>5,401,302</u>	<u>12,795,190</u>
Net change in fund balances	7,999,191	-	7,999,191
Fund Balance, Beginning	<u>15,813,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,813,923</u>
Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 23,813,114</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,813,114</u>