

SECTION 2 [Sections 2 through 8 must be completed for each redevelopment project area listed in Section 1.]

FY 2023

Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

Howard and Ridge-TIF No.5

Primary Use of Redevelopment Project Area*: Mixed	
*Types include: Central Business District, Retail, Other Commercial, Industrial, Residential, and Combination/Mixed.	
If "Combination/Mixed" List Component Types: Retail, Commercial	
Under which section of the Illinois Municipal Code was the Redevelopment Project Area designated? (check one):	
Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial Jobs Recovery Law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please utilize the information below to properly label the Attachments.

	No	Yes
For redevelopment projects beginning prior to FY 2022, were there any amendments, to the redevelopment plan, the redevelopment project area, or the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1)] If yes, please enclose the amendment (labeled Attachment A). For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, were there any amendments, enactments or extensions to the redevelopment plan, the redevelopment project area, or the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1)] If yes, please enclose the amendment, enactment or extension, and a copy of the redevelopment plan (labeled Attachment A).	X	
Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of the municipality that the municipality has complied with all of the requirements of the Act during the preceding fiscal year. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (3) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (3)] Please enclose the CEO Certification (labeled Attachment B).		X
Opinion of legal counsel that municipality is in compliance with the Act. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (4) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (4)] Please enclose the Legal Counsel Opinion (labeled Attachment C).		X
Statement setting forth all activities undertaken in furtherance of the objectives of the redevelopment plan, including any project implemented and a description of the redevelopment activities. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (A and B) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (A and B)] If yes, please enclose the Activities Statement (labeled Attachment D).		X
Were any agreements entered into by the municipality with regard to the disposition or redevelopment of any property within the redevelopment project area or the area within the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (C) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (C)] If yes, please enclose the Agreement(s) (labeled Attachment E).	X	
Is there additional information on the use of all funds received under this Division and steps taken by the municipality to achieve the objectives of the redevelopment plan? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (D) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (D)] If yes, please enclose the Additional Information (labeled Attachment F).	X	
Did the municipality's TIF advisors or consultants enter into contracts with entities or persons that have received or are receiving payments financed by tax increment revenues produced by the same TIF? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (E) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (E)] If yes, please enclose the contract(s) or description of the contract(s) (labeled Attachment G).	X	
Were there any reports <u>submitted to</u> the municipality <u>by</u> the joint review board? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (F) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (F)] If yes, please enclose the Joint Review Board Report (labeled Attachment H).	X	
Were any obligations issued by the municipality? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (8) (A) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (8) (A)] If yes, please enclose any Official Statement (labeled Attachment I). If Attachment I is answered yes, then the Analysis must be attached (labeled Attachment J).	X	
An analysis prepared by a financial advisor or underwriter, chosen by the municipality , setting forth the nature and term of obligation; projected debt service including required reserves and debt coverage; and actual debt service. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (8) (B) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (8) (B)] If attachment I is yes, the Analysis and an accompanying letter from the municipality outlining the contractual relationship between the municipality and the financial advisor/underwriter MUST be attached (labeled Attachment J).	X	
Has a cumulative of \$100,000 of TIF revenue been deposited into the special tax allocation fund? 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (2) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (2) If yes, please enclose audited financial statements of the special tax allocation fund (labeled Attachment K).		X
Cumulatively, have deposits of incremental taxes revenue equal to or greater than \$100,000 been made into the special tax allocation fund? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (9) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (9)] If yes, the audit report shall contain a letter from the independent certified public accountant indicating compliance or noncompliance with the requirements of subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 (labeled Attachment L).		X
A list of all intergovernmental agreements in effect to which the municipality is a part, and an accounting of any money transferred or received by the municipality during that fiscal year pursuant to those intergovernmental agreements. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (10)] If yes, please enclose the list only, not actual agreements (labeled Attachment M).	X	
For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, did the developer identify to the municipality a stated rate of return for each redevelopment project area? Stated rates of return required to be reported shall be independently verified by a third party chosen by the municipality. If yes, please enclose evidence of third party verification, may be in the form of a letter from the third party (labeled Attachment N).	X	

SECTION 3.1 [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d)(5)(a)(b)(d)] and (65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5)(a)(b)(d)]

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Provide an analysis of the special tax allocation fund.

Special Tax Allocation Fund Balance at Beginning of Reporting Period \$ 2,105,094

SOURCE of Revenue/Cash Receipts:	Revenue/Cash Receipts for Current Reporting Year	Cumulative Totals of Revenue/Cash Receipts for life of TIF	% of Total
Property Tax Increment	\$ 1,146,362	\$ 11,243,341	71%
State Sales Tax Increment			0%
Local Sales Tax Increment			0%
State Utility Tax Increment			0%
Local Utility Tax Increment			0%
Interest	\$ 95,621	\$ 213,657	1%
Land/Building Sale Proceeds			0%
Bond Proceeds			0%
Transfers from Municipal Sources		\$ 3,570,000	23%
Private Sources		\$ 282,307	2%
Other (identify source _____; if multiple other sources, attach schedule)	\$ 43,639	\$ 538,340	3%

All Amount Deposited in Special Tax Allocation Fund \$ 1,285,622

Cumulative Total Revenues/Cash Receipts \$ 15,847,645 100%

Total Expenditures/Cash Disbursements (Carried forward from Section 3.2) \$ 1,553,879

Transfers to Municipal Sources

Distribution of Surplus

Total Expenditures/Disbursements \$ 1,553,879

Net/Income/Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements \$ (268,257)

Previous Year Adjustment (Explain Below)

FUND BALANCE, END OF REPORTING PERIOD* \$ 1,836,837

* If there is a positive fund balance at the end of the reporting period, you must complete Section 3.3

Previous Year Explanation:

SECTION 3.2 A [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (5) (c) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5)(c)]

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**ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND
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Category of Permissible Redevelopment Cost [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3 (q) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-10 (o)]	Amounts	Reporting Fiscal Year
1. Cost of studies, surveys, development of plans, and specifications. Implementation and administration of the redevelopment plan, staff and professional service cost.		
Housing and Economic Development	1,157,963	
Transfers out	395,916	
		\$ 1,553,879
2. Annual administrative cost.		
		\$ -
3. Cost of marketing sites.		
		\$ -
4. Property assembly cost and site preparation costs.		
		\$ -
5. Costs of renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, relocation, repair or remodeling of existing public or private building, leasehold improvements, and fixtures within a redevelopment project area.		
		\$ -
6. Costs of the construction of public works or improvements.		
		\$ -

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13. Relocation costs.		
		\$ -
14. Payments in lieu of taxes.		
		\$ -
15. Costs of job training, retraining, advanced vocational or career education.		
		\$ -
16. Interest cost incurred by redeveloper or other nongovernmental persons in connection with a redevelopment project.		
		\$ -
17. Cost of day care services.		
		\$ -
18. Other.		
		\$ -
TOTAL ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES		\$ 1,553,879

SECTION 3.3 [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (5d) 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5d)]

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Breakdown of the Balance in the Special Tax Allocation Fund At the End of the Reporting Period by source

FUND BALANCE BY SOURCE

\$ 1,836,837

1. Description of Debt Obligations	Amount of Original Issuance	Amount Designated
General Obligation Corporate Series 2018D	\$ 3,570,000	\$ 3,205,000
Total Amount Designated for Obligations	\$ 3,570,000	\$ 3,205,000

2. Description of Project Costs to be Paid	Amount of Original Issuance	Amount Designated
Redevelopment Project Costs Reimbursements		\$ 60,000
Capital Improvemnts		\$ 1,700,000
Total Amount Designated for Project Costs		\$ 1,760,000

TOTAL AMOUNT DESIGNATED \$ 4,965,000

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) \$ (3,128,163)

SECTION 4 [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (6) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (6)]

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Provide a description of all property purchased by the municipality during the reporting fiscal year within the redevelopment project area.

X

Indicate an 'X' if no property was acquired by the municipality within the redevelopment project area.

Property (1):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (2):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (3):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (4):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (5):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (6):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (7):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

SECTION 5 [20 ILCS 620/4.7 (7)(F)]

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Page 1 MUST be included with TIF report. Pages 2 and 3 are to be included ONLY if projects are listed.

Select ONE of the following by indicating an 'X':

1. <u>NO</u> projects were undertaken by the Municipality Within the Redevelopment Project Area.	
2. The municipality <u>DID</u> undertake projects within the Redevelopment Project Area. (If selecting this option, complete 2a and 2b.)	X
2a. The total number of <u>ALL</u> activities undertaken in furtherance of the objectives of the redevelopment plan:	6
2b. The total number of <u>NEW</u> projects undertaken by the municipality in fiscal year 2022 and any fiscal year thereafter, within the Redevelopment Project area, if any.	0

LIST ALL projects undertaken by the Municipality Within the Redevelopment Project Area:

TOTAL:	11/1/99 to Date	Estimated Investment for Subsequent Fiscal Year	Total Estimated to Complete Project
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	\$ 782,500	\$ -	\$ 4,957,500
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ 312,500	\$ -	\$ 1,762,500
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	2 1/2		2 13/16

Project 1 Name: 501 Howard

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			\$ 3,000,000
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 2 Name: Ward Eight Wine Bar

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 3 Name: 607 Howard LOC

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	\$ 12,500		\$ 12,500
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ 12,500		\$ 12,500
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	1		1

Project 4 Name:Peckish Pig

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	\$ 770,000		\$ 1,445,000
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	3 17/20		7 9/40

Project 5 Name:Theo Ubique Theatre

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			\$ 500,000
Public Investment Undertaken			\$ 1,400,000
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		5/14

Project 6 Name:Café Corelle

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			\$ 50,000
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

SECTION 7 [Information in the following section is not required by law, but may be helpful in evaluating the performance of TIF in Illinois.]

FY 2023

Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

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Provide a general description of the redevelopment project area using only major boundaries.

Optional Documents	Enclosed
Legal description of redevelopment project area	
Map of District	

Re: Howard Ridge TIF District

I, Daniel Biss, Mayor of the City of Evanston, County of Cook, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the City of Evanston complied with the requirements pertaining to the Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act during the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

Daniel Biss

MAYOR

09 / 16 / 2024

DATE

RE: Attorney Review City of Evanston Howard Ridge TIF District

To Whom It May Concern:

This will confirm that I am the City Attorney for the City of Evanston, Illinois. I have reviewed all information provided to me by the City staff and consultants, and I find that the City of Evanston has conformed to all applicable requirements of the Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act set forth thereunder for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,

Alexandra B. Ruggie

Corporation Counsel

Howard Ridge

Attachment D Statement setting forth all activities undertaken in furtherance of the objectives of the Redevelopment Plan, including:

- A. Any project implemented during the reporting Period; and
- B. A description of the redevelopment activities undertaken.

The City made a final payment and successfully completed the redevelopment agreement for the the 195-unit rental housing development (located at 415 Howard St.). The City's role was to rebate all of the incremental real estate taxes through an existing redevelopment agreement to address certain TIF eligible extraordinary costs, but only upon achievement of a 90% occupancy level.

Business district planning activities included the Evanston Thrives revitalization strategy along with One Howard. Both are business district plans that will ultimately result in investment, some with TIF, in business district infrastructure and activities. In 2024, staff will negotiate and close the purchase of 729-39 Howard Street for affordable housing development. Environmental studies are underway.



CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
WITH PUBLIC ACT 85-1142

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The Honorable Mayor
Members of the City Council
City of Evanston, Illinois

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Evanston, Illinois (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the City of Evanston, Illinois, and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2024.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The supplementary financial information as listed in the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary financial information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

SiKich CPA LLC

Naperville, Illinois
June 27, 2024

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Chicago Main Tax Increment District	Dempster- Dodge Tax Increment District	Howard Ridge Tax Increment District	West Evanston Tax Development Projects	Five Fifths Tax Increment District	Total (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 2,294,592	\$ 650,191	\$ 1,876,101	\$ 3,410,785	\$ -	\$ 8,231,669
Receivables						
Property tax	-	-	8,380	40,349	33,561	82,290
Leases	-	-	354,880	-	-	354,880
Accrued interest	-	-	205	-	-	205
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,294,592	\$ 650,191	\$ 2,239,566	\$ 3,451,134	\$ 33,561	\$ 8,669,044
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 36,346	\$ 1,933	\$ 61,811	\$ 1,213,185	\$ 133,140	\$ 1,446,415
Due to other funds	2,036,200	-	-	20,915	37,810	2,094,925
Total liabilities	2,072,546	1,933	61,811	1,234,100	170,950	3,541,340
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Leases	-	-	340,918	-	-	340,918
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	340,918	-	-	340,918
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	2,072,546	1,933	402,729	1,234,100	170,950	3,882,258
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted for debt service	222,046	648,258	1,836,837	2,217,034	-	4,924,175
Unassigned (deficit)	-	-	-	-	(137,389)	(137,389)
Total fund balances	222,046	648,258	1,836,837	2,217,034	(137,389)	4,786,786
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,294,592	\$ 650,191	\$ 2,239,566	\$ 3,451,134	\$ 33,561	\$ 8,669,044

(See independent auditor's report on supplementary information.)

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Chicago Main Tax Increment District	Dempster- Dodge Tax Increment District	Howard Ridge Tax Increment District	West Evanston Tax Development Projects	Five Fifths Tax Increment District	Total (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES						
Property tax	\$ 1,161,052	\$ 442,730	\$ 1,146,362	\$ 1,919,815	\$ 919,482	\$ 5,589,441
Investment income	89,344	17,939	95,621	115,922	-	318,826
Miscellaneous	-	-	43,639	-	-	43,639
Total revenues	1,250,396	460,669	1,285,622	2,035,737	919,482	5,951,906
EXPENDITURES						
Current						
Housing and economic development	2,450,672	10,943	1,157,963	2,207,700	920,970	6,748,248
Total expenditures	2,450,672	10,943	1,157,963	2,207,700	920,970	6,748,248
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,200,276)	449,726	127,659	(171,963)	(1,488)	(796,342)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers (out)	(271,356)	(174,480)	(395,916)	(75,000)	-	(916,752)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(271,356)	(174,480)	(395,916)	(75,000)	-	(916,752)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(1,471,632)	275,246	(268,257)	(246,963)	(1,488)	(1,713,094)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), JANUARY 1	1,693,678	373,012	2,105,094	2,463,997	(135,901)	6,499,880
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), DECEMBER	\$ 222,046	\$ 648,258	\$ 1,836,837	\$ 2,217,034	\$ (137,389)	\$ 4,786,786

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COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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ENDING BALANCE BY SOURCE						
Property taxes	\$ 109,000	\$ 624,008	\$ 1,649,712	\$ 2,044,922	\$ -	\$ 4,290,253
Investment income	113,046	24,250	187,125	172,112	-	496,533
Deficit	-	-	-	-	(137,389)	(137,389)
ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	\$ 222,046	\$ 648,258	\$ 1,836,837	\$ 2,217,034	\$ (137,389)	\$ 4,649,397

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTION OF COMPLIANCE

The Honorable Mayor
Members of the City Council
City of Evanston, Illinois

We have examined management's assertion that the City of Evanston, Illinois (the City), complied with the provisions of subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 of the Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act (Illinois Public Act 85-1142) during the year ended December 31, 2023. Management is responsible for the City's assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the City's compliance with the specific requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was made in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion about compliance with the specified requirements is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the City of Evanston, Illinois complied with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended December 31, 2023 is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, City Council, management and the Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois State Comptroller's office and the Joint Review Board and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

SiKich CPA LLC

Naperville, Illinois
June 27, 2024