**Business Council for Peace, Inc.** 

# **REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Business Council for Peace, Inc. Southampton, New York

#### **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Business Council for Peace, Inc (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Business Council for Peace, Inc as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of Business Council for Peace, Inc and to meet my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audits. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

#### **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 Business Council for Peace Inc's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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 auditor's report that includes my opinion. 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 generally accepted 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.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

(continued)

Misstatements, including omissions, 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 generally accepted auditing standards, I:

- 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 Business Council for Peace Inc'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 my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Business Council for Peace Inc's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

# **GNFerraris LLC**

Certified Public Accountant Sag Harbor, New York

March 14, 2023

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

September 30,

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 866,627	\$ 848,389
Grants and contracts receivable	37,900	46,305
Prepaid expense	16,205_	2,120
Total current assets	920,732	896,814
Total assets	\$ 920,732	\$ 896,814
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 68,854	\$ 10,061
Accrued expenses	12,167	8,000
Contract liabilities	131,919_	168,996
Total current liabilities	212,940	187,057
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
SBA loan payable	159,356	155,091
Total long-term liabilities	159,356	155,091
Total liabilities	372,296	342,148
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	548,436	554,666
Total net assets	548,436	554,666
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 920,732	\$ 896,814

# **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

# Years ended September 30,

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	2022	Memo only 2021
CHANGES IN REL ASSETS WITHOUT BONOK RESTRICTIONS		
OPERATING REVENUE		
Contributed services	\$ 1,783,542	\$ 2,147,498
Contributions	210,523	296,883
Fast runner fees	83,226	57,358
Dues	58,728	61,313
Investment income	134	15
Fundraising		5,815
Net assets released from restrictions	1,121,420	719,830
Total operating revenue	3,257,573	3,288,712
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Regional-based programing	2,944,354	2,878,771
Administrative	221,606	138,721
Fundraising	96,148	50,094
Total operating expenses	3,262,108	3,067,586
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	(4,535)	221,126
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
Grants and contracts	1,100,882	660,630
Contributions	20,538	59,200
Net assets released from restrictions	(1,121,420)	(719,830)
Change in net assets with donor restrictions		
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Realized gain (loss) on sale of marketable securities	(1,695)	6,158
Conditional contribution- SBA PPP	(1,093)	57,500
Conditional Contribution 3DATT	(1,695)	63,658
Change in net assets	(6,230)	284,784
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	554,666	269,882
End of year	\$ 548,436	\$ 554,666

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# Years ended September 30,

	2022	2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ (6,230)	\$ 284,784
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to net cash provided by operating activities		
Realized (gain) loss on investments	1,695	(6,158)
(Increase) decrease in asset accounts affecting		
cash from operations		
Grants and contracts receivable	8,405	(38,885)
Prepaid expense	(14,085)	(2,120)
Increase (decrease) in liability accounts affecting		
cash from operations		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	62,718	(3,565)
Taxes payable	242	
Contract liabilities	(37,077)	24,621
Net cash provided by operating activities	15,668	258,677
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Contribution of investments	(63,610)	(26,670)
Proceeds from sales of investments	61,915	32,828
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(1,695)	6,158
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from long term debt	4,265	5,091
Net cash provided by financing activities	4,265	5,091
Net cash provided by infaheing activities	4,203	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	18,238	269,926
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	848,389	578,463
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 866,627	\$ 848,389
Supplemental data of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest:	\$ 4,265	\$ 5,091
Cash paid for taxes:	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed assets financed with accounts payable:	<u>,</u>	\$ -
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# **STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

# Years ended September 30,

	2022	2021	
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
Contributed services	\$ 1,752,913	\$ 2,083,896	
Regional-based programming	1,191,441	794,875	
Total program expenses	\$ 2,944,354	\$ 2,878,771	
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			
Personnel	\$ 68,438		
Legal and accounting	57,091	\$ 33,570	
Payroll taxes	27,311	27,609	
Contributed services	22,200	49,015	
Independent contractors	13,192	10,768	
Merchant fees	6,043	6,181	
Training and support	5,499		
Interest	4,265	5,091	
Office	4,264	1,996	
Bank fees	3,658	1,285	
Technology and software	3,171		
Payroll processing	2,674	2,219	
Travel	1,434		
Communications	1,287		
Insurance	954	862	
NYS filing fee	125	125	
Total general and administrative expenses	\$ 221,606	\$ 138,721	
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES			
Independent contractors	\$ 38,449	\$ 3,973	
Personnel	32,110	27,900	
Contributed services	8,429	14,587	
Professional	7,402		
Training and support	4,582		
Donor software	2,543	3,051	
Events	1,470	583	
Travel	726		
Communications	268		
Miscellaneous	169		
Total fundraising expenses	\$ 96,148	\$ 50,094	

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## **Nature of Organization**

The Business Council for Peace, Inc. (the Organization) is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization's purpose is to organize United States and international volunteers to help entrepreneurs in crisis affected areas to expand their businesses, create significant employment for all, and expand the economic power of women. More jobs mean less violence.

#### 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The significant accounting policies are described as follows:

#### **Basis of Presentation**

Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restriction and net assets with donor restriction.

- Net assets without donor restriction are not subject to or are no longer subject to donorimposed stipulations and are available for use at the discretion of the Board of Directors and management for general operating purposes. From time to time, the Board may designate a portion of these net assets for specific purposes, which makes them unavailable for use at management's discretion.
- Net assets with donor restrictions contain donor-imposed restrictions that permit the
  Organization to use or expend the assets as specified. The restrictions are satisfied either by
  the passage of time or by actions of the Organization. Some net assets with donor
  restrictions include a stipulation that assets provided be maintained permanently (perpetual
  in nature) while permitting the Organization to expend the income generated by the assets
  in accordance with the provisions of additional donor-imposed stipulations or a Board
  approved spending policy.

As of September 30, 2022, there were no net assets with donor restrictions.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments purchased with maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The fair value of cash and cash equivalents approximates carrying value.

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### 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### **Support Recognition**

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law.

Expirations of donor restrictions on the net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

The Organization follows the policy of reporting donor-imposed restricted contributions whose restrictions are met within the same fiscal year as unrestricted support.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

Financial assets required to be measured on a recurring basis (at least annually) are classified under a three-tier hierarchy for fair value measurements. Fair value is the amount that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to settle a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The classification of assets and liabilities within the hierarchy is based on whether inputs to the valuation methodology used for measurement are observable or unobservable. Inputs may include pricing information, volatility statistics, specific and broad credit data, liquidity statistics, and other factors. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. However, the determination of what constitutes "observable" may require significant judgment.

The Organization considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. The categorization of a financial instrument within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to the risks associated with that instrument.

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#### 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Financial Instruments**

The Organization's financial instruments consist primarily of cash, grant receivables, trade payables, deferred revenue and debt instruments. It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant interest rate or credit risk arising from these instruments. The carrying values of cash, grants receivables, trade payables, and deferred revenue are considered to be representative of their respective fair values. The carrying value of the Organization' debt instruments approximate their fair values as of September 30, 2022 and 2021 based on current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

#### **Grant Receivables**

When the Organization invoices in accordance with grant terms, a grant receivable is recorded at net realizable value. Once the receivable is older than thirty days it is considered past due. The Organization periodically evaluates the balances in the various aging categories as well as the status of any significant past due amounts to determine if any balances are uncollectible. When management determines that a receivable is uncollectible, the balance is removed from the receivables balance and is charged directly to earnings.

#### **Contract Liabilities**

When the Organization receives funding from a grant agreement prior to performing services in accordance with the agreement, those funds are considered deferred revenue. When the Organization has met the terms of the agreement, the balance is recognized as income in the year earned.

#### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Currently, the Organization owns no property, plant and equipment. The Organization's volunteer members use their own computers, phones, etc. and outside contractors are hired for other office needs.

## **Revenue Recognition and Contract Liabilities**

The Organization derives its revenues primarily from receiving contributions from the general public, government agencies, philanthropic foundations, and other organizations.

The Organization recognizes contributions when cash, securities or other assets; an unconditional promise to give; or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to givethat is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of returnare not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met.

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#### 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

## **Conditional Contributions - SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loans**

On June 11, 2021, the Organization received loan proceeds in the amount of \$57,500 under a second draw of the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"). The Organization submitted a forgiveness application which was approved by the Small Business Administration on December 3, 2021. In accordance with ASC 958-605, the loan balance has been reported as a conditional contribution as of September 30, 2021 as the expenses for the purpose of the loan have been incurred and the expectations met.

#### **Contributed Services**

Contributed services are recognized in the financial statements at their fair value if the following criteria are met:

- The services require specialized skills, and the services are provided by individuals
  possessing those skills, and the services would typically need to be purchased if not
  donated, or
- The services enhance or create an asset.

See Note 8 for additional information on contributed services.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Organization is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Section 501(c)(3) of the code provides for the exemption of organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, and whose net earnings do not inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

#### **Uncertain Tax Positions**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Organization to evaluate tax positions taken and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Organization has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. The Organization has analyzed the tax positions taken, and had concluded that as of September 30, 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements.

The Organization is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions, however, there are currently no audits for any periods in progress. The Organization believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2019.

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### 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Use of Estimates**

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 and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and amounts of support and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **Functional Expense Allocation**

Expenses have been classified by specific functions where ascertainable. Those expenses that cannot be specifically identified by function type have been allocated to functions based upon management's best estimate of usage. Functional expenses for the year ended September 30, 2022 were 91%, 6% and 3% for Program, General and Administrative and Fundraising, respectively. Functional expenses for the year ended September 30, 2021 were 94%, 4% and 2% for Program, General and Administrative and Fundraising, respectively.

## **Comparative Financial Information**

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's audited financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2021, from which the summarized information was derived. During the year ended September 30, 2022 for budgetary purposes the Organization chose to classify expenses more comprehensively to provide additional detailed information on the operations, resulting in additional expense accounts not previously included in the financial statements.

## Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year amounts to conform with the current presentation. Total net assets and change in net assets are unchanged due to these reclassifications.

# 2 – DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW

Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Organization has evaluated events that occurred after September 30, 2022, the date of the Statement of Financial Position, but before the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Such date was March 14, 2023 for the accompanying financial statements. The Organization did not identify any subsequent events that had a material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

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#### 3 - LONG TERM DEBT

On June 24, 2020, the Organization received proceeds from an Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL") from the Small Business Administration related to the "CARES ACT" in the amount of \$150,000. The Board authorized the use of these proceeds to fund on going operations due to the shutdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Monthly installment payments have been deferred for two years during which interest will accrue. Interest only payments of \$674 begin on December 25, 2022 at the rate of 2.75% over thirty years. The loan is collateralized by general business assets of the Organization.

#### 4 – GRANT AND CONTRACT REVENUE

The Organization was awarded grants by private foundations and subcontracts by government organizations restricted for use for activities carried out in Guatemala, El Salvador and the United States. The terms of the grants allow for progress payments based on achievement of specific targets. The main goal is to increase the revenue trajectory of Guatemalan, El Salvadoran and United States small and growing businesses. The amounts awarded, recognized as revenue and deferred as a contract liability as of September 30, 2022 is summarized as follows:

	<u>Period</u>	To	tal Award	Revenue		<u>Revenue</u> <u>Rec</u>		<u>Receivable</u>	Co	ntract Liability
Grant 1	01/01/20-02/28/23	\$	838,145	\$	268,918			\$	74,227	
Grant 2	10/01/20-09/30/21		84,000		27,996					
Grant 3	01/01/22-12/31/23		300,000		175,000					
Grant 4	12/01/21-12/01/22		250,000		192,308				57,692	
Grant 5	05/31/22-02/28/23		99,500		39,800	\$	19,900			
Grant 6	08/01/21-02/28/22		10,472		10,470					
Grant 7	09/17/21-06/09/23		231,525		115,763					
Grant 8	05/18/21-02/27/22		180,000		81,000		18,000			
Grant 9	05/16/22-06/16/23		217,924		141,651					
Grant 10	06/28/22-06/28/23		191,902		47,976					
Total				\$	1,100,882	\$	37,900	\$	131,919	

#### 5- FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Organization are supported primarily through memberships, contributions, and fund-raising activities.

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## 6- NET ASSET CLASSIFICATION

For the year ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 the Organization used net asset with donor restriction and net asset without donor restriction funds to fund donor restricted activities attributable to the specific locations listed below. The Organization recorded the following activity in donor restricted net assets as of September 30, 2022 and 2021 and for the year then ended as follows:

	2022	 2021
Expenditures: Regional-based programming	\$ 1,192,446	\$ 794,875
Total	\$ 1,192,446	\$ 794,875
Funded by: Net assets without donor restriction Net assets with donor restriction	\$ 77,478 1,114,968	\$ 75,045 719,830
Total	\$ 1,114,508	\$ 794,875

#### 7 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

As part of the Organization's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations become due. Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statements of financial position sheet date, comprise the following:

	2022	2021
Financial assets available within one year and		
free of donor restrictions:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 866,627	\$ 848,389
Contribution receivable	37,900	46,305
Total financial assets	\$ 904,527	\$ 894,694
Contractual or donor-imposed restrictions:		
Cash restricted by others to specific uses		
Regional-based programming	(131,919)	(168,996)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for		
expenditures within one year	\$ 772,608	\$725,698

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#### 8 – CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

The Organization has 539 Skillanthropist volunteer members registered and approximately 208 donated their professional time in fiscal year 2022 to pro bono advisory, consultancy and training related to our work, including our job creation programs in El Salvador, Guatemala, the United States and Afghanistan.

Contribution revenue from services for the year ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 was measured based on the fair market value of those services and unreimbursed expenses. These amounts were reflected as expenses and allocated between program services, general and administrative and fundraising as follows:

	2022	2021
Regional-based programing	\$ 1,752,813	\$ 2,083,896
General and administrative	22,200	49,015
Fundraising	 8,529	 14,587
Total	\$ 1,783,542	\$ 2,147,498

Total contributed services decreased by approximately \$364,000 compared to the prior year. This reduction is partly due to the former CEO's services previously provided on a pro-bono basis. Additionally, the increase in remote and virtual consulting and enhancements in processes, technology, resources, and tools enable streamlined engagement between volunteers and small businesses, resulting in less time invested by volunteers.

#### 9- COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

As detailed in Note 4, the Organization entered into several grant and subcontract agreements with private foundations. The Organization receives periodic payments of the total grant award, contingent on the acceptance and approval of various milestones as stipulated in the agreements. The Organization will submit final reports at the conclusion of the respective grant periods at which time final payment will be received.

# 10-CONCENTRATIONS

The Organization maintains cash deposits at Chase Bank located in Eastern Long Island. Deposits maintained at an insured bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation "FDIC" up to \$250,000. The Organization had an uninsured cash balance of \$350,554 (2022) and \$595,755 (2021) in excess of the \$250,000 FDIC coverage at September 30, 2022 and 2021.