

## **Definitions**

**ARPA:** American Rescue Plan Act provided emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to address the COVID-19 pandemic's public health and economic impacts, with recipients obligated to spend the funds by December 31, 2026.

**CDBG:** Community Development Block Grant is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides funding to the City of Denton for projects aimed at improving community infrastructure, expanding affordable housing, supporting economic development, and enhancing public services to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

**GAAS:** Generally Accepted Auditing Standards are the rules and guidelines auditors follow when examining a company's financial statements to ensure the audit is conducted correctly and the financial information is accurate and reliable.

**GAGAS:** Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, also known as the Yellow Book, are the guidelines for audits created by the Comptroller General and the audit agency of the United States Congress, the Government Accountability Office.

**GASB:** Governmental Accounting Standards Board, an independent, private-sector organization that establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for U.S. state and local governments.

**GFOA:** Governmental Finance Officers Association is a member group of federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions.

**IBNR:** Incurred But Not Reported, which refers to the estimate of the liability from claims that have taken place but have not yet been reported.

**“Improper Revenue Recognition”:** Improper revenue recognition, a common accounting issue, involves recognizing revenue before it's earned or after it's earned, often to artificially inflate earnings or meet financial targets, and can lead to penalties and misrepresentation of the City's financial health.

**“Management Override of Controls”:** Management override occurs when senior management or those charged with governance manipulate accounting records or prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively.

**OPEB:** Other Post-Employment Benefits, which are benefits, other than pensions, that employers provide to their retirees, such as healthcare, life insurance, and dental coverage.

**PFIA:** The Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), governs the investment of public funds in Texas, requiring compliance audits and training for those involved in managing these funds.

**RTR:** The Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) program expedites transportation projects by providing non-federal funding to implement projects. The Texas Legislature previously enabled the Texas

Department of Transportation to consider public- and private-sector partnerships to finance roadways.

**TxGMS:** Texas Grant Management Standards, was established to promote the efficient use of public funds in local government and in programs requiring cooperation among local, state, and federal agencies.

**“Uniform Guidance”:** The Uniform Guidance is a "government-wide framework for grants management" – is an authoritative set of rules and requirements for Federal awards that synthesizes and supersedes guidance from earlier OMB circulars.