

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1959
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 2810 N CHURCH ST. #55091 WILMINGTON, DE 19802
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-1351150
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 949-385-5420
2d	Business code (see instructions) 332900

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/23/2024	JOHN SPENCER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 113
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 86 6a(2) 95 6b 0 6c 22 6d 117 6e 1 6f 118 6g(1) 104 6g(2) 107 6h 9
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-1351150	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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04-2647786

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

BFSG, LLC

20-8161914

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	5000	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	2768	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
DODGE&COX INTL STK I - SS&C GIDS, 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.10%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
INVS DEVELOP MKT A - INVESCO INVES 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.50%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
JH DISCPL VALUE R4 - JOHN HANCOCK 01-0233346	0.25%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
JPM LG CAP GRTH A - DST ASSET MANA	430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.50%
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
JPM MID CAP GRTH I - DST ASSET MAN	430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
METWEST TOT RTN BD M - BNY MELLON	500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.35%

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-1351150	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	239678	312060
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	71692	86871
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	4288402	4355875
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	4599772	4754806
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	4599772	4754806

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	101114	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	354232	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		455346
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	12299	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	5391	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		17690
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	95390	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		95390
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		613381
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1181807

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1018180	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1018180
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		825
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	2768	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	5000	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		7768
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1026773

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		155034
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **KIECKHAFFER SCHIFFER LLP**

(2) EIN: **81-5052000**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		☒	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-1351150

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-6568107 Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.	
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.	
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.	
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes ☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023
v. 230707

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.	
a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
☐ Yes.	
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☒ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702438A</u> .	

CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022 AND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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All other supplemental schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 are omitted because of the absence of conditions under which they are required.

Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Administrator
Choice Financial, Inc. 401k Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Choice Financial, Inc. 401k Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, 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 auditor's report that includes our 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 GAAS 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, 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 Plan'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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023 is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 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 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the

supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Other Matter – 2022 Financial Statements

Marcum LLP performed an audit of the 2022 financial statements of Choice Financial, Inc. 401k Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 16, 2023, indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Kieckhafer Schiffer LLP

KIECKHAFFER SCHIFFER LLP
Irvine, California

September 12, 2024

CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 4,355,875	\$ 4,288,402
Money market fund	<u>312,060</u>	<u>239,678</u>
Total investments	<u>4,667,935</u>	<u>4,528,080</u>
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	86,871	71,692
Participant contributions	-	585
Employer contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>293</u>
Total receivables	<u>86,871</u>	<u>72,570</u>
Total assets	<u>4,754,806</u>	<u>4,600,650</u>
Liabilities:		
Excess contributions payable	<u>5,638</u>	<u>825</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 4,749,168</u>	<u>\$ 4,599,825</u>

The accompanying notes and independent auditor's report are an integral part of these financial statements.

CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Additions:

Investment income:

Interest and dividends	\$ 95,390
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>613,381</u>

Total investment income	<u>708,771</u>
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Interest received on notes receivable from participants	<u>17,690</u>
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Contributions:

Participant	348,009
Employer	<u>100,821</u>

Total contributions	<u>448,830</u>
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Total additions	<u>1,175,291</u>
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Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	1,018,180
Administrative expenses	<u>7,768</u>

Total deductions	<u>1,025,948</u>
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Net increase	149,343
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Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of the year	<u>4,599,825</u>
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End of the year	<u><u>\$ 4,749,168</u></u>
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The accompanying notes and independent auditor's report are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Choice Financial, Inc. 401k Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

a. General

The Plan was established July 1, 1959 by Choice Financial, Inc. (the "Company" or "Employer") as a defined contribution plan under the provisions of Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), which includes a qualified cash or deferred arrangement as described in Section 401(k) of the IRC. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

b. Administration

The Plan is overseen by a committee (the "Plan Administrator") appointed by the Company. The Company's contract administrator and third-party trustee and custodian is Fidelity Management Trust Company ("Fidelity"). Fidelity has the full power to administer the Plan and apply all of its provisions on behalf of the Plan Administrator. The Company has the discretion to appoint or remove any trustee or agent of the Plan.

c. Eligibility

All employees of the Company who are not considered residents of Puerto Rico or leased employees are eligible to participate in the Plan. Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan after one year of service. Plan entry dates are the first day of each month during the year.

d. Participant Contributions

Participants may contribute to the Plan up to 75% of eligible compensation through elective, pre-tax salary deferrals subject to the IRC limit of \$22,500 for the year ended December 31, 2023. Upon reaching the age of 50, participants may make additional catch-up contributions limited to \$7,500 for the year ended December 31, 2023. Unless another election is made, eligible participants are automatically enrolled in the Plan with a 4% deferral election. Participants may change their deferral percentage at the beginning of each month and may stop deferring at any time, with changes effective at the beginning of the following month.

Participants may also make rollover contributions from other qualified defined plans. The Plan will not accept rollovers of designated Roth contributions.

e. Employer Contributions

The Company may make discretionary matching contributions each payroll period equal to a uniform percentage of a participant's elective salary deferrals, as determined by the Company. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company matched 50% up to the first 4% of the participants' elective salary deferrals.

The Company may also make discretionary non-elective contributions to the Plan each year. To be eligible for these contributions, participants must be employed on the last day of the Plan year. If made, such contributions are allocated to eligible participants' accounts based on each participant's compensation in proportion to total compensation for all eligible participants. The Company did not make any discretionary non-elective contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023.

All contributions are invested in the participants' accounts according to their specified investment allocations as of the date of the contribution.

f. Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each participant to reflect the participant's elective salary deferrals, employer matching and discretionary contributions, and allocations of Plan earnings (losses) and administrative expenses. Allocations are done daily using a weighted-average of participant account balances. Participants can direct their accounts into a variety of investments offered by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

g. Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective salary deferrals, catch-up contributions, rollover contributions and the earnings thereon. Participants vest in employer matching and discretionary non-elective contributions and earnings thereon as follows:

<u>Years of Vesting Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
2 Years of Service	20%
3 Years of Service	40%
4 Years of Service	60%
5 Years of Service	80%
6 or More Years of Service	100%

Participants become 100% vested in their accounts if they are employed with the Company upon death, total or permanent disability as defined in the Plan document, upon reaching retirement age, or upon Plan termination.

h. Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant or beneficiary may elect to receive an amount equal to the participant's vested account balance in a lump-sum payment, installment payments over the participant's or beneficiary's assumed life expectancy, roll the amount to an individual retirement account or other eligible transferee plan, or delay payment until the required beginning date of minimum distributions, depending on the value of the account. In addition, the Plan permits in-service distributions for participants who are age 59 ½ or older. Distributions paid prior to the participant attaining age 59 ½ and not rolled into another retirement account are subject to federal income tax of 20% and a federal excise tax of 10%.

Vested account balances less than \$5,000, but more than \$1,000 may be distributed as a lump-sum cash payment or in the form of a direct rollover to an individual retirement account or eligible retirement plan at the consent of the participant or beneficiary. Vested account balances less than \$1,000 are distributed in a single lump-sum cash payment to the participant or beneficiary.

i. Hardship Withdrawals

Upon certain conditions, participants, while still employed by the Company, are permitted to withdraw, in a single lump sum greater than \$500, a portion of their vested account balances as a result of an immediate and heavy financial need. These conditions include the payment of tax-deductible medical expenses, postsecondary education tuition for immediate family members, funeral or burial costs of immediate family members, natural disaster clean-up on the participant's primary residence, the purchase of the participant's primary residence or to prevent eviction or foreclosure from the participant's primary residence.

j. Forfeitures

Unvested employer matching and discretionary contributions forfeited by a participant terminating from the Plan are retained in the Plan. Forfeitures may be used to pay Plan administrative expenses or reduce matching contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, \$0 were used to reduce employer matching contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2022, \$5,568 were used to reduce administrative expenses. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, unused forfeitures totaled \$12,510 and \$3,704, respectively.

k. Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts the lesser of a) \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding note balance during the prior year, or b) 50% of their

vested account balance. Notes are subject to a \$1,000 minimum and are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account.

Note payments are paid directly from the participant's bank account over periods up to five years, unless the note is used to acquire a principal residence, in which case the term may be extended at the discretion of the Plan Administrator. New notes bear interest at a reasonable rate determined by the Plan Administrator and are fixed at inception of the note. As of December 31, 2023, notes mature through 2028 and bear interest at 6.50% per annum, which is commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator at the time of the note.

l. Administrative Expenses

All reasonable expenses for administration may be paid out of the Plan assets unless paid by the Company. Expenses, to the extent not paid by the Company, are paid by the Plan and allocated to participants based on their account balances. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan paid expenses of \$7,768. Expenses that relate solely to a specific participant, such as fees for notes receivable or benefit payments, are assessed to the participant. Certain expenses are included in the transaction prices of investments bought and sold and cannot be separately quantified.

m. Excess Contribution Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions and the earnings thereon.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as set forth by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB").

b. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of net assets available for benefits, changes therein, accompanying notes, and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Net appreciation in fair value of investments consists of the net change in unrealized gains or losses during the year and the realized gain or loss on investments sold during the year.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

d. Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. If an active participant fails to make payments for more than 90 days after they are due, the note will be in default. Under certain circumstances, as indicated in the Plan documents, a note that is in default may be treated as a taxable distribution from the Plan and will be included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits as a benefit payment.

e. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

f. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 12, 2024, the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

3. Information Certified by the Custodian (Unaudited)

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by ERISA section 103(a)(3)(c) pursuant to Section 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA. Accordingly, certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity.

The classification of the investments into the appropriate fair value hierarchy levels (1, 2 or 3) as disclosed in Note 5 is not certified by Fidelity and is the responsibility of the Plan's management.

4. Investments

All Plan investments are participant-directed and held by Fidelity as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Participants can direct their accounts among various mutual funds and a money market fund.

5. Investments at Fair Value

a. Fair Value Hierarchy

Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

- Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
 - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets,
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets,
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

- Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value.

The asset’s or liability’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan’s investments at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual funds and money market fund

The mutual funds and money market fund are valued at quoted market prices which are available on active markets and, therefore, are classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Investments at Fair Value at December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 4,355,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,355,875
Money market fund	312,060			312,060
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 4,667,935</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,667,935</u>

Investments at Fair Value at December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 4,288,402	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,288,402
Money market fund	239,678			239,678
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 4,528,080</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,528,080</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2023, there were no significant transfers between Levels 1 and 2 and no transfers in or out of Level 3.

6. Excess Contributions Payable

The Plan is required to return contributions received during the Plan year in excess of the IRC limits associated with certain non-discrimination tests for highly-compensated individuals and corrections for employer match overages. Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRC are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to participant's contributions. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, excess contributions payable were \$5,638 and \$825, respectively.

7. Party-in-Interest Transactions

A party-in-interest is defined as a fiduciary or employee of the Plan, any person who provides service to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50% or more of such an employer or employee organization, or a relative of such persons mentioned.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan's investment options are sponsored by Fidelity, the asset trustee and custodian and contract administrator of the Plan. Therefore, any transaction executed with Fidelity qualifies as a party-in-interest transaction.

Additionally, the Company is a party-in-interest to the Plan. However, there were no transactions with the Company other than the funding of contributions to the Plan and the payment of certain administrative expenses.

8. Tax Status

The Plan adopted a Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with Fidelity. Fidelity received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Services ("IRS") dated June 30, 2020 stating that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator and management believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Assuming it meets certain initial and ongoing requirements, the Plan is generally exempt from federal and state income taxes. However, GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more-than-likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2023 and 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 Plan is subject to routine audit by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the net assets available for benefits per the financial statements as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 to the amounts reported on Form 5500:

	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits on the financial statements	\$ 4,749,168	\$ 4,599,825
Employer contributions receivable	-	(293)
Employee contributions receivable	-	(585)
Excess contributions refunded to participants	5,638	825
Net assets available for benefits on Form 5500	<u>\$ 4,754,806</u>	<u>\$ 4,599,772</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits as reported on the Plan's financial statements to amounts reported on Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	2023
Net increase in net assets available for benefits reported on the financial statements	\$ 149,343
Net change in:	
Employee contributions	6,223
Employer contributions	293
Excess contributions paid	<u>(825)</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits reported on Form 5500	<u>\$ 155,034</u>

10. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in all their accounts

11. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities, including mutual funds and a money market fund. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, credit, foreign currency and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

12. Prohibited Transactions

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Plan Sponsor inadvertently failed to deposit \$1,927 of participant deferrals and loan repayments within the required timeframe as stated by the U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL"). These deferrals were deposited beyond the earliest date on which assets could be segregated from the Company's assets. The DOL considers late deposits to be prohibited transactions. The Plan Sponsor calculated lost earnings on these 2022 deferrals and loan repayments and deposited the lost earnings in 2023.

The Plan sponsor has self-corrected these prohibited transactions and does not believe that these issues will have a material impact on the Plan's net assets available for benefits or the Plan's tax status.

CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN
(Plan Number 001, Sponsor EIN Number 46-1351150)
Schedule H, Part IV, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Money Market Fund:			
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Government Money Market Fund	**	<u>\$ 312,060</u>
	Mutual Funds:			
	Allspring Investments	Allspring Special Small Cap Value R6 Fund	**	18,860
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund Class I	**	6,070
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Capital & Income Fund	**	54,977
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Government Income Fund	**	50,362
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® International Discovery Fund	**	80,497
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Growth Discovery Fund	**	137,070
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Small Cap Index Fund	**	132,868
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® 500 Index Fund	**	350,786
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® International Index Fund	**	53,914
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Extended Market Index Fund	**	40,964
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Strategic Income Fund	**	38,664
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2015 Fund - Class K	**	89,670
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2020 Fund - Class K	**	225,916
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2025 Fund - Class K	**	127,429
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2030 Fund - Class K	**	867,970
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2035 Fund - Class K	**	677,632
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2040 Fund - Class K	**	173,681
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2045 Fund - Class K	**	235,216
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2050 Fund - Class K	**	281,421
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2055 Fund - Class K	**	159,148
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2060 Fund - Class K	**	59,358
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2065 Fund - Class K	**	10,618
	Invesco	Invesco Developing Markets Fund Class A	**	6,606
	John Hancock	John Hancock Disciplined Value R4 Fund	**	128,428
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund Class R6	**	102,783
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fund Class R6	**	151,884
	TCW Metropolitan West	MetWest Total Return Bond M Fund	**	38,320.00
	Victory Sycamore	Established Value Fund Class R6	**	<u>54,763</u>
	Total Mutual Funds			<u>4,355,875</u>
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Interest at 6.50% maturing through 2028		<u>86,871</u>
				<u><u>\$ 4,754,806</u></u>

* Party-in-interest to the Plan

** The cost of participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed

CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022 AND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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All other supplemental schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 are omitted because of the absence of conditions under which they are required.

Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Administrator
Choice Financial, Inc. 401k Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Choice Financial, Inc. 401k Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, 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 auditor's report that includes our 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 GAAS 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, 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 Plan'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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023 is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 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 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the

supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Other Matter – 2022 Financial Statements

Marcum LLP performed an audit of the 2022 financial statements of Choice Financial, Inc. 401k Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 16, 2023, indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Kieckhafer Schiffer LLP

KIECKHAFFER SCHIFFER LLP
Irvine, California

September 12, 2024

CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 4,355,875	\$ 4,288,402
Money market fund	<u>312,060</u>	<u>239,678</u>
Total investments	<u>4,667,935</u>	<u>4,528,080</u>
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	86,871	71,692
Participant contributions	-	585
Employer contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>293</u>
Total receivables	<u>86,871</u>	<u>72,570</u>
Total assets	<u>4,754,806</u>	<u>4,600,650</u>
Liabilities:		
Excess contributions payable	<u>5,638</u>	<u>825</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 4,749,168</u>	<u>\$ 4,599,825</u>

The accompanying notes and independent auditor's report are an integral part of these financial statements.

CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Additions:

Investment income:

Interest and dividends	\$ 95,390
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>613,381</u>

Total investment income	<u>708,771</u>
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Interest received on notes receivable from participants	<u>17,690</u>
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Contributions:

Participant	348,009
Employer	<u>100,821</u>

Total contributions	<u>448,830</u>
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Total additions	<u>1,175,291</u>
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Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	1,018,180
Administrative expenses	<u>7,768</u>

Total deductions	<u>1,025,948</u>
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Net increase	149,343
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Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of the year	<u>4,599,825</u>
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End of the year	<u><u>\$ 4,749,168</u></u>
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The accompanying notes and independent auditor's report are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401K PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Choice Financial, Inc. 401k Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

a. General

The Plan was established July 1, 1959 by Choice Financial, Inc. (the "Company" or "Employer") as a defined contribution plan under the provisions of Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), which includes a qualified cash or deferred arrangement as described in Section 401(k) of the IRC. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

b. Administration

The Plan is overseen by a committee (the "Plan Administrator") appointed by the Company. The Company's contract administrator and third-party trustee and custodian is Fidelity Management Trust Company ("Fidelity"). Fidelity has the full power to administer the Plan and apply all of its provisions on behalf of the Plan Administrator. The Company has the discretion to appoint or remove any trustee or agent of the Plan.

c. Eligibility

All employees of the Company who are not considered residents of Puerto Rico or leased employees are eligible to participate in the Plan. Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan after one year of service. Plan entry dates are the first day of each month during the year.

d. Participant Contributions

Participants may contribute to the Plan up to 75% of eligible compensation through elective, pre-tax salary deferrals subject to the IRC limit of \$22,500 for the year ended December 31, 2023. Upon reaching the age of 50, participants may make additional catch-up contributions limited to \$7,500 for the year ended December 31, 2023. Unless another election is made, eligible participants are automatically enrolled in the Plan with a 4% deferral election. Participants may change their deferral percentage at the beginning of each month and may stop deferring at any time, with changes effective at the beginning of the following month.

Participants may also make rollover contributions from other qualified defined plans. The Plan will not accept rollovers of designated Roth contributions.

e. Employer Contributions

The Company may make discretionary matching contributions each payroll period equal to a uniform percentage of a participant's elective salary deferrals, as determined by the Company. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company matched 50% up to the first 4% of the participants' elective salary deferrals.

The Company may also make discretionary non-elective contributions to the Plan each year. To be eligible for these contributions, participants must be employed on the last day of the Plan year. If made, such contributions are allocated to eligible participants' accounts based on each participant's compensation in proportion to total compensation for all eligible participants. The Company did not make any discretionary non-elective contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023.

All contributions are invested in the participants' accounts according to their specified investment allocations as of the date of the contribution.

f. Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each participant to reflect the participant's elective salary deferrals, employer matching and discretionary contributions, and allocations of Plan earnings (losses) and administrative expenses. Allocations are done daily using a weighted-average of participant account balances. Participants can direct their accounts into a variety of investments offered by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

g. Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective salary deferrals, catch-up contributions, rollover contributions and the earnings thereon. Participants vest in employer matching and discretionary non-elective contributions and earnings thereon as follows:

<u>Years of Vesting Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
2 Years of Service	20%
3 Years of Service	40%
4 Years of Service	60%
5 Years of Service	80%
6 or More Years of Service	100%

Participants become 100% vested in their accounts if they are employed with the Company upon death, total or permanent disability as defined in the Plan document, upon reaching retirement age, or upon Plan termination.

h. Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant or beneficiary may elect to receive an amount equal to the participant's vested account balance in a lump-sum payment, installment payments over the participant's or beneficiary's assumed life expectancy, roll the amount to an individual retirement account or other eligible transferee plan, or delay payment until the required beginning date of minimum distributions, depending on the value of the account. In addition, the Plan permits in-service distributions for participants who are age 59 ½ or older. Distributions paid prior to the participant attaining age 59 ½ and not rolled into another retirement account are subject to federal income tax of 20% and a federal excise tax of 10%.

Vested account balances less than \$5,000, but more than \$1,000 may be distributed as a lump-sum cash payment or in the form of a direct rollover to an individual retirement account or eligible retirement plan at the consent of the participant or beneficiary. Vested account balances less than \$1,000 are distributed in a single lump-sum cash payment to the participant or beneficiary.

i. Hardship Withdrawals

Upon certain conditions, participants, while still employed by the Company, are permitted to withdraw, in a single lump sum greater than \$500, a portion of their vested account balances as a result of an immediate and heavy financial need. These conditions include the payment of tax-deductible medical expenses, postsecondary education tuition for immediate family members, funeral or burial costs of immediate family members, natural disaster clean-up on the participant's primary residence, the purchase of the participant's primary residence or to prevent eviction or foreclosure from the participant's primary residence.

j. Forfeitures

Unvested employer matching and discretionary contributions forfeited by a participant terminating from the Plan are retained in the Plan. Forfeitures may be used to pay Plan administrative expenses or reduce matching contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, \$0 were used to reduce employer matching contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, \$5,568 were used to reduce administrative expenses. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, unused forfeitures totaled \$12,510 and \$3,704, respectively.

k. Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts the lesser of a) \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding note balance during the prior year, or b) 50% of their

vested account balance. Notes are subject to a \$1,000 minimum and are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account.

Note payments are paid directly from the participant's bank account over periods up to five years, unless the note is used to acquire a principal residence, in which case the term may be extended at the discretion of the Plan Administrator. New notes bear interest at a reasonable rate determined by the Plan Administrator and are fixed at inception of the note. As of December 31, 2023, notes mature through 2028 and bear interest at 6.50% per annum, which is commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator at the time of the note.

l. Administrative Expenses

All reasonable expenses for administration may be paid out of the Plan assets unless paid by the Company. Expenses, to the extent not paid by the Company, are paid by the Plan and allocated to participants based on their account balances. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan paid expenses of \$7,768. Expenses that relate solely to a specific participant, such as fees for notes receivable or benefit payments, are assessed to the participant. Certain expenses are included in the transaction prices of investments bought and sold and cannot be separately quantified.

m. Excess Contribution Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions and the earnings thereon.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as set forth by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB").

b. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of net assets available for benefits, changes therein, accompanying notes, and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Net appreciation in fair value of investments consists of the net change in unrealized gains or losses during the year and the realized gain or loss on investments sold during the year.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

d. Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. If an active participant fails to make payments for more than 90 days after they are due, the note will be in default. Under certain circumstances, as indicated in the Plan documents, a note that is in default may be treated as a taxable distribution from the Plan and will be included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits as a benefit payment.

e. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

f. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 12, 2024, the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

3. Information Certified by the Custodian (Unaudited)

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by ERISA section 103(a)(3)(c) pursuant to Section 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA. Accordingly, certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity.

The classification of the investments into the appropriate fair value hierarchy levels (1, 2 or 3) as disclosed in Note 5 is not certified by Fidelity and is the responsibility of the Plan's management.

4. Investments

All Plan investments are participant-directed and held by Fidelity as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Participants can direct their accounts among various mutual funds and a money market fund.

5. Investments at Fair Value

a. Fair Value Hierarchy

Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

- Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
 - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets,
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets,
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

- Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value.

The asset’s or liability’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan’s investments at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual funds and money market fund

The mutual funds and money market fund are valued at quoted market prices which are available on active markets and, therefore, are classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Investments at Fair Value at December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 4,355,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,355,875
Money market fund	312,060			312,060
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 4,667,935</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,667,935</u>

Investments at Fair Value at December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 4,288,402	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,288,402
Money market fund	239,678			239,678
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 4,528,080</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,528,080</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2023, there were no significant transfers between Levels 1 and 2 and no transfers in or out of Level 3.

6. Excess Contributions Payable

The Plan is required to return contributions received during the Plan year in excess of the IRC limits associated with certain non-discrimination tests for highly-compensated individuals and corrections for employer match overages. Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRC are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to participant's contributions. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, excess contributions payable were \$5,638 and \$825, respectively.

7. Party-in-Interest Transactions

A party-in-interest is defined as a fiduciary or employee of the Plan, any person who provides service to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50% or more of such an employer or employee organization, or a relative of such persons mentioned.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan's investment options are sponsored by Fidelity, the asset trustee and custodian and contract administrator of the Plan. Therefore, any transaction executed with Fidelity qualifies as a party-in-interest transaction.

Additionally, the Company is a party-in-interest to the Plan. However, there were no transactions with the Company other than the funding of contributions to the Plan and the payment of certain administrative expenses.

8. Tax Status

The Plan adopted a Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with Fidelity. Fidelity received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Services ("IRS") dated June 30, 2020 stating that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator and management believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Assuming it meets certain initial and ongoing requirements, the Plan is generally exempt from federal and state income taxes. However, GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more-than-likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2023 and 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 Plan is subject to routine audit by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the net assets available for benefits per the financial statements as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 to the amounts reported on Form 5500:

	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits on the financial statements	\$ 4,749,168	\$ 4,599,825
Employer contributions receivable	-	(293)
Employee contributions receivable	-	(585)
Excess contributions refunded to participants	5,638	825
Net assets available for benefits on Form 5500	<u>\$ 4,754,806</u>	<u>\$ 4,599,772</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits as reported on the Plan's financial statements to amounts reported on Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	2023
Net increase in net assets available for benefits reported on the financial statements	\$ 149,343
Net change in:	
Employee contributions	6,223
Employer contributions	293
Excess contributions paid	<u>(825)</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits reported on Form 5500	<u>\$ 155,034</u>

10. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in all their accounts

11. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities, including mutual funds and a money market fund. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, credit, foreign currency and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

12. Prohibited Transactions

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Plan Sponsor inadvertently failed to deposit \$1,927 of participant deferrals and loan repayments within the required timeframe as stated by the U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL"). These deferrals were deposited beyond the earliest date on which assets could be segregated from the Company's assets. The DOL considers late deposits to be prohibited transactions. The Plan Sponsor calculated lost earnings on these 2022 deferrals and loan repayments and deposited the lost earnings in 2023.

The Plan sponsor has self-corrected these prohibited transactions and does not believe that these issues will have a material impact on the Plan's net assets available for benefits or the Plan's tax status.

CHOICE FINANCIAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN
(Plan Number 001, Sponsor EIN Number 46-1351150)
Schedule H, Part IV, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Money Market Fund:			
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Government Money Market Fund	**	<u>\$ 312,060</u>
	Mutual Funds:			
	Allspring Investments	Allspring Special Small Cap Value R6 Fund	**	18,860
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund Class I	**	6,070
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Capital & Income Fund	**	54,977
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Government Income Fund	**	50,362
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® International Discovery Fund	**	80,497
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Growth Discovery Fund	**	137,070
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Small Cap Index Fund	**	132,868
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® 500 Index Fund	**	350,786
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® International Index Fund	**	53,914
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Extended Market Index Fund	**	40,964
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity® Strategic Income Fund	**	38,664
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2015 Fund - Class K	**	89,670
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2020 Fund - Class K	**	225,916
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2025 Fund - Class K	**	127,429
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2030 Fund - Class K	**	867,970
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2035 Fund - Class K	**	677,632
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2040 Fund - Class K	**	173,681
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2045 Fund - Class K	**	235,216
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2050 Fund - Class K	**	281,421
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2055 Fund - Class K	**	159,148
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2060 Fund - Class K	**	59,358
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co.	Fidelity Freedom ® 2065 Fund - Class K	**	10,618
	Invesco	Invesco Developing Markets Fund Class A	**	6,606
	John Hancock	John Hancock Disciplined Value R4 Fund	**	128,428
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund Class R6	**	102,783
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fund Class R6	**	151,884
	TCW Metropolitan West	MetWest Total Return Bond M Fund	**	38,320.00
	Victory Sycamore	Established Value Fund Class R6	**	<u>54,763</u>
	Total Mutual Funds			<u>4,355,875</u>
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Interest at 6.50% maturing through 2028		<u>86,871</u>
				<u><u>\$ 4,754,806</u></u>

* Party-in-interest to the Plan

** The cost of participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed