

Summary: Investigation Into Allegations of Stolen BIE Grant Funds

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OIG investigated allegations that a former employee of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) stole grant funds awarded by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) for a maintenance project.

We determined that grant funds totaling approximately \$129,000 were awarded to MBCI by BIE through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). We reviewed MBCI financial documents and determined that the funds in question were adequately accounted for. We found no evidence to corroborate the allegation that the former employee stole grant funds or otherwise personally benefited from BIE grant moneys.

We did discover that MCBI used surplus BIE grant funds from this project on other maintenance projects without notifying BIA.

This is a summary of a report of investigation that was issued to BIA.

