



Corporation  
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Broadcasting

**SEMIANNUAL REPORT**  
**OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
**AND**  
**AUDIT RESOLUTION ACTIVITIES**

**APRIL 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**





## Foreword

Congress authorized the establishment of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) in 1967 to encourage and support public media programming for instructional, educational, and cultural purposes; and to ensure that public media is free from government interference. CPB is a private non-profit corporation that is governed by a Board of Directors (Board) appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CPB funds over 1,500 public media stations, as well as research, technology, and program development for public radio, television, and related online services. For fiscal year 2024, CPB received a \$525 million federal appropriation, \$60 million for a public media interconnection appropriation from Congress, \$21.8 million in Ready to Learn funds as part of a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, and a \$56 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Next Generation Warning System.

In 1988, to promote the economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity of CPB initiatives and operations, Congress established CPB's Office of the Inspector General (OIG). As an independent component of CPB, the OIG reports to the CPB Board through its Audit and Finance Committee.

Congress requires that the Inspector General and the head of CPB report semiannually about OIG operations and activities and about CPB audit resolution results. Because CPB is a small organization, we created this joint report. In the first section, we report on the OIG's efforts and in the second, we present CPB's audit resolution activities.



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# I. OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## MESSAGE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

September 30, 2024

I am pleased to submit this Semiannual Report to Congress detailing the Office of the Inspector General's activities during the period starting April 1, 2024. The work highlighted in this report is the product of our objective to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in public media through our oversight of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's (CPB) important mission.

During this reporting period, our two audits continued to find non-federal financial support (NFFS) reporting errors including: ineligible special fundraising, exchange transactions, and TV capital contributions, as well as unsupported premium offsets against membership revenues. Further, in our eight limited scope evaluations, we found non-compliance with Communications Act and CPB transparency requirements including advance meeting notice, closed meeting explanations, and posting financial documents. The limited scope evaluations allow our office to efficiently utilize our staff to review smaller stations that do not meet our risk criteria for full scope audits.

Our office is regularly conducting on-site fieldwork, while continuing to utilize virtual tools to communicate with auditee personnel and improve audit efficiencies. We will continue to innovate and maintain connections with colleagues, grantees, and the public to accomplish our mission.

I extend my continued appreciation to the talented individuals responsible for the work contained in this report. I am proud of their dedication and adaptability. Thank you to the CPB Board, Congress, and CPB management for consistently supporting our office. I look forward to continuing our effective working relationships with our stakeholders and CPB grantees to further accountability in CPB programs, operations and initiatives.

Kimberly A. Howell  
Inspector General



# Reports Issued in the Period Ending September 30, 2024

| Report Number /<br>Date Issued | Report Title  | Questioned<br>Total | Costs<br>Unsupported | Funds Put to<br>Better Use | Administrative<br>Recommendations |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Audits:</i>                 |   |                     |                      |                            |                                   |
| AST2404-2415<br>9/16/2024      | Audit of Community Service and Other Grants Awarded to WTVP-TV, Licensed to Illinois Valley Public Telecommunications Corporation, Peoria, Illinois for the Period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 | \$67,790            | \$9,995              | \$130,873                  | 6                                 |
| AST2303-2412<br>7/2/2024       | Audit of Community Service and Other Grants Awarded to Howard University Television, WHUT-TV, Washington, District of Columbia for the Period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022                      | \$41,755            | \$0                  | \$7,848                    | 4                                 |
| <i>Evaluations:</i>            |   |                     |                      |                            |                                   |
| ECR2414-2417<br>9/26/2024      | Evaluation of KISU-FM, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements   | \$0                 | \$0                  | \$0                        | 0                                 |
| ECR2415-2416<br>9/25/2024      | Evaluation of KIOS-FM, Douglas County School District 0001, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements  | \$0                 | \$0                  | \$0                        | 3                                 |
| ECR2413-2414<br>8/30/2024      | Evaluation of KEYA-FM, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements   | \$0                 | \$0                  | \$0                        | 2                                 |
| ECR2403-2413<br>7/16/2024      | Evaluation of KABU-FM, Dakota Healing Journey, Inc., Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements   | \$0                 | \$0                  | \$0                        | 4                                 |



## Reports Issued in the Period Ending September 30, 2024 (cont'd)

| Report Number /<br>Date Issued | Report Title  | Questioned Costs |             | Funds Put to<br>Better Use | Administrative<br>Recommendations |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                |   | Total            | Unsupported |                            |                                   |
| ECR2408-2411<br>6/20/2024      | Evaluation of KUCCO-FM,<br>the University of<br>Central Oklahoma,<br>Compliance with<br>Selected Communications<br>Act and General<br>Provisions Transparency<br>Requirements             | \$0              | \$0         | \$0                        | 0                                 |
| ECR2410-2410<br>6/13/2024      | Evaluation of KMOJ-FM,<br>the Center of<br>Communications<br>and Development,<br>Compliance with<br>Selected Communications<br>Act and General<br>Provisions Transparency<br>Requirements | \$0              | \$0         | \$0                        | 1                                 |
| ECR2405-2409<br>5/9/2024       | Evaluation of KSRQ-FM,<br>Northland Community<br>and Technical College,<br>Compliance with<br>Selected Communications<br>Act and General<br>Provisions Transparency<br>Requirements       | \$0              | \$0         | \$0                        | 2                                 |
| ECR406-2408<br>5/7/2024        | Evaluation of KGOU-FM,<br>the University of<br>Oklahoma, Compliance<br>with Selected<br>Communications<br>Act and General<br>Provisions Transparency<br>Requirements                      | \$0              | \$0         | \$0                        | 0                                 |
| Total                          |   | \$109,545        | \$9,995     | \$138,721                  | 22                                |

As defined by the Inspector General Act (IG Act), as amended, “questioned costs” are those that are: 1) identified due to an alleged violation of a provision governing the expenditure of funds; 2) not supported by adequate documentation; or 3) unnecessary or unreasonable. “Funds put to better use” are those that could be used more efficiently, e.g., by reducing expenditures or deobligating funds. We use “funds put to better use” to report Community Service Grant (CSG) overpayments made to stations due to stations reporting ineligible Non-Federal Financial Support (NFFS) to CPB. CPB calculates its annual CSG award amounts based on the station’s reported NFFS. These CSG overpayments should have been available for distribution to other eligible stations.





## Audits

### *Audit of Community Service and Other Grants Awarded to WTVP-TV, Licensed to Illinois Valley Public Telecommunications Corporation, Peoria, Illinois for the Period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, Issued September 16, 2024*

*We found that WTVP-TV overstated NFFS totaling \$1,020,410 resulting in potential CSG overpayments of \$130,873; incurred questioned costs of \$67,790 for unauthorized expenditures, lack of support, and unrelated business expenses; did not comply with all requirements of the Communications Act (Act); and incorrectly reported CSG expenditures.*

We audited CPB grants awarded to WTVP-TV including CSG, Interconnection, Universal Service Support and American Rescue Plan grants for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. We selected the station for audit because of press reports that identified prior mismanagement at the station.

Our objectives were to determine whether WTVP-TV: a) claimed Non-Federal Financial Support (NFFS) on its Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) in accordance with CPB's Financial Reporting Guidelines (Guidelines); b) complied with Act and CPB's certification requirements; and c) expended CPB grant funds in accordance with Television CSG General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria (General Provisions) and other grant requirements.

Our audit found that WTVP-TV did not fully comply with all CPB requirements because WTVP-TV:

- overstated NFFS totaling \$1,020,410 resulting in potential CSG overpayments of \$130,873;
- incurred questioned costs of \$67,790 for unauthorized expenditures, lack of adequate support documentation, or unrelated business expenses;
- did not comply with Act requirements to ensure required information was made available to the public for open and closed meetings, open financial records, and did not fully comply with its Community Advisory Board (CAB) requirements; and
- incorrectly reported the station's CPB CSG expenditures for each fiscal year on its AFR Schedule E because the CPB CSG expenditures were not reconciled to each CPB CSG grant spending period.

We recommended that CPB require the station to:

- repay or that CPB reduce CSG payments of \$198,663 (\$37,404 in FY 2023 CSG overpayments, \$93,469 reduction in future grant awards fiscal years (FYs) 2024-2025, and questioned costs of \$67,790) and consider penalties for inadequate recordkeeping;
- fully comply with Act requirements for open and closed meetings, open financial records, and CAB requirements;
- ensure its AFR Schedule E accurately reports CPB expenditures; and
- identify the corrective actions and controls it has and will implement to ensure future compliance with CPB requirements for NFFS reporting requirements, allowable costs, Act and General Provisions compliance, and AFR Schedule E reporting.



We also recommended that CPB monitor the station's financial performance and AFR reporting for FYs 2024 and 2025 if CPB awards the station any CSG grants in the future.

In response to the draft report, WTVP management agreed with all of the findings and recommendations, provided detailed corrective actions for each finding, and reported on actions taken by the board to improve its fiduciary oversight and governance, as well as a summary of accounting corrective actions.

Based on station management's response to the draft report, we consider recommendations one through three and five through nine resolved, but open pending CPB's final management decisions resolving our findings and recommendations, repayment of CSG overpayments, and CPB's acceptance of WTVP-TV's corrective actions. We consider recommendation four open, pending CPB management's decision on monitoring WTVP-TV's FYs 2024 and 2025 AFR reporting.

*Audit of Community Service and Other Grants Awarded to Howard University Television, WHUT-TV, Washington, DC for Period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, Issued July 2, 2024*

*We found that WHUT-TV overstated NFFS totaling \$61,467, resulting in CSG overpayments of \$7,848, which we reported as funds put to better use and we questioned \$41,755 of grant costs charged to CSG and Ready to Learn grants. We also found that the station did not fully comply with Act and grant requirements.*

We audited CPB grants awarded to Howard University Television, WHUT-TV, licensed to Howard University, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. The grants included CSG, Interconnection, Ready to Learn, and CARES Act grants. Our objectives were to examine WHUT's certifications of compliance with CPB grant terms to: a) claim NFFS on its AFRs in accordance with CPB Guidelines; b) expend grant funds in accordance with grant agreement requirements; and c) comply with the Certification of Eligibility requirements and statutory provisions of the Act.

Our audit found that WHUT complied with CPB grant and Act requirements, except for:

- questioned Interconnection, CSG and Ready to Learn grant costs totaling \$41,755 for FYs 2021 and 2022;
- overstated NFFS associated with claimed revenues totaling \$61,467, which resulted in CSG overpayments of \$7,848, which was reported as funds put to better use;
- did not fully comply with Act and CSG General Provisions requirements for:
  - posting the most recent CPB AFR to their website; and
  - providing seven-day advance notice of open meetings.





We recommended that CPB require WHUT-TV to:

- repay \$49,603 of questioned costs and funds put to better use (CSG overpayments);
- identify the corrective actions and controls it will implement to ensure future compliance with CSG, Interconnection, and Ready to Learn grant agreements, including expending funds within the grant term period;
- identify the corrective actions and controls it will implement to ensure future compliance with all CPB NFFS reporting requirements, including using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to account for expenditures for capital assets;
- provide adequate notice of meetings of the Board committees that include the date, time, and location of meetings, as well as a link to any future CAB virtual meetings; and
- identify the corrective actions and controls it will implement to ensure future compliance with Act and CPB requirements for making the most recent AFR available to the public and advance notice requirements for open meetings, including dates, times, and locations.

In response to the draft report, WHUT did not agree with the questioned cost findings for \$39,926 after the grant period had expired for Interconnection and CSG agreement terms, as well as \$1,829 questioned for not maintaining timekeeping records for the Ready to Learn cost reimbursable grant. WHUT-TV agreed with the majority of the overreported NFFS findings and provided information to support undocumented labor charges of \$24,474, which we accepted and incorporated into the final report. WHUT's response also outlined proposed corrective actions to ensure future compliance with posting the most current AFR on its website and fully complying with open meeting requirements.

Based on station management's response to the draft report, we consider recommendations one through four and six unresolved and open, pending CPB's final management decision resolving the audit findings. We consider recommendation five resolved and open pending receipt of further actions for in-person meetings.

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## Evaluations

### COMMUNICATIONS ACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS EVALUATIONS

As part of our FY 2024 annual plan, the OIG continued to perform unannounced station evaluations to assess accountability for reporting compliance with grant requirements on station websites. The OIG reviewed each station's website for compliance with eleven specific Act and CPB CSG General Provisions requirements. These requirements included Act open meeting requirements for advance notice and closed meeting disclosures; making financial information available; and grant requirements to identify station executives and board officials and the Local Content and Service Report. The findings are summarized below with links to the full reports.



*Evaluation of KISU-FM, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements, Report No. ECR2414-2417*

Based on our review of KISU-FM's website on July 15, 2024, and the station's response to our preliminary observations, we found the station was compliant with all five of the applicable requirements. The remaining six requirements were not applicable because there were no open or closed meetings of the governing board or board committees during the past twelve months that involved public broadcasting business. As a division of a governmental entity, the station was not required to have a Community Advisory Board.

*Evaluation of KIOS-FM, Douglas County School District 0001, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements, Report No. ECR2415-2416*

Based on our review of KIOS-FM's website on July 11, 2024, and the station's response to our preliminary observations, we found the station was compliant with three of the six applicable requirements. The station was not compliant with three requirements. The remaining five requirements were not applicable. Specifically, we found that KIOS-FM did not: provide advance notice of open meetings of the station's governing body, the Board of Education of Douglas County School District 0001 (Board of Education); post its most CPB Annual Financial Report (AFR) on its website; and post the Board of Education board members on its website.

*Evaluation of KEYA-FM, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements, Report No. ECR2413-2414*

Based on our review of KEYA-FM's website on June 7, 2024, and subsequent information provided by station management, we found the station was fully compliant with five of the eight applicable requirements. The station was not compliant with three requirements, and the remaining three requirements were not applicable. Specifically, we found that KEYA-FM: was not compliant with posting its most recent audited financial statements (AFS) on the station's website; was not compliant with posting the most recent CPB Annual Financial Report (AFR) on the station's website; and did not provide seven-day advance notice for open public meetings for one of four of its governing body meetings.

*Evaluation of KABU-FM, Dakota Healing Journey, Inc., Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements, Report No. ECR2403-2413*

Based on our review of KABU-FM's website on March 1, 2024, and the station's response to our preliminary observations, we found the station was compliant with three of the six applicable requirements. The station was not compliant with three requirements. The remaining five requirements were not applicable. Specifically, we found that KABU-FM did not post its most recent audited financial statements (AFS) on its website and the listing of governing board and CAB members on the station's website were not accurate (two requirements).



*Evaluation of KUCO-FM, the University of Central Oklahoma, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements, Report No. ECR2408-2411*

Based on our review of KUCO-FM's website on March 14, 2024, and the station's response to our preliminary observations, we found the station was compliant with five of the five applicable requirements. The remaining six requirements were not applicable because there were no open or closed meetings of the governing board or board committees during the past 12 months involving public broadcasting business and, as a division of a governmental entity, the station was not required to have a CAB.

*Evaluation of KMOJ-FM, the Center of Communications and Development, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements, Report No. ECR2410-2410*

Based on our review of KMOJ-FM's website on March 26, 2024, we found the station was compliant with seven of the eight applicable requirements. The station was not compliant with one requirement. The remaining three requirements were not applicable. Specifically, we found that KMOJ-FM was not compliant with posting the most recent CPB Annual Financial Report (AFR) on the station's website.

*Evaluation of KSRQ-FM, Northland Community and Technical College, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements, Report No. ECR2405-2409*

Based on our review of KSRQ-FM's website on February 12, 2024, we found the station was compliant with nine of the eleven applicable requirements. The station was not compliant with two requirements. Specifically, we found that KSRQ-FM was not compliant with posting the most recent CPB Financial Summary Report (FSR) on the station's website and did not provide seven-day advance notice for open public meetings of its Community Advisory Board (CAB).

*Evaluation of KGOU-FM, The University of Oklahoma, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements, Report No. ECR2406-2408*

Based on our review of the KGOU-FM website on February 28, 2024, we found the station was compliant with seven of the seven applicable requirements reviewed. The remaining four requirements were not applicable.



## Additional Reporting Requirements

### RESOLUTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The following table summarizes CPB's management resolution activities for this reporting period. We have included the seven reports issued with monetary and non-monetary administrative recommendations in this table.

| Description  | Number of Reports | Questioned Costs |                 | Funds Put to Better Use |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
|  |                   | Total            | Unsupported     |                         |
| Reports for which no management decision had been made by the start of the reporting period. | 3                 | \$35,595         | \$1,143         | \$196,355               |
| Reports issued during the reporting period.  | 7                 | \$109,545        | \$9,995         | \$138,721               |
| <b>Subtotals</b>   | <b>10</b>         | <b>\$145,140</b> | <b>\$11,138</b> | <b>\$335,076</b>        |
| Reports for which a management decision was made during the reporting period:                | 5                 |                  |                 |                         |
| • Dollar value of recommendations agreed to by management                                    |                   | \$35,595         | \$1,143         | \$376,961*              |
| • Dollar value of recommendations not agreed to by management                                |                   | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                     |
| Reports with no management decision at the end of the reporting period.                      | 5                 | \$109,545        | \$9,995         | \$138,721               |

\* This total includes disallowed funds put to better use (FPBU) of \$328,326 and penalties of \$48,635.





## REPORTS ISSUED BEFORE THIS REPORTING PERIOD WITH OPEN RECOMMENDATIONS

The following table presents audit reports issued before April 1, 2024, with open recommendations as of September 30, 2024.

| Audit Entity /<br>Report Number /<br>Date Issued | Recommendations  | Audit<br>Resolution<br>Date | Potential<br>Cost<br>Savings | Number of<br>Open<br>Recommendations | Due Date of<br>Corrective<br>Action |
|--|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| WSRE-TV<br>AST2209-2310<br>8/02/2023             | 1) repay \$57,990 in<br>CSG questioned<br>costs;   | 11/21/2023                  | \$5,023                      | 1                                    | 1st Qtr. FY<br>2025                 |
|  | 3) repay \$779 in CSG<br>overpayments;   |                             | \$779                        | 1                                    | 1st Qtr. FY<br>2025                 |
| KTTZ-TV/FM<br>ASJ2213-2403<br>2/16/2024          | 1) repay \$25,179 in<br>CSG overpayments   | 5/24/2024                   | \$25,179                     | 1                                    | 1st Qtr. FY<br>2025                 |
| KSMQ-FM<br>AST2316-2406<br>3/22/2024             | 1) repay \$11,256 in<br>CSG overpayments   | 4/23/2024                   | \$11,256                     | 1                                    | 1st Qtr. FY<br>2025                 |
|  | 3) recover<br>unsupported<br>questioned costs of<br>\$1,143  |                             | \$1,143                      | 1                                    | 1st Qtr. FY<br>2025                 |
| KAET-TV<br>AST2308-2407<br>3/29/2024             | 1) repay \$159,920 in<br>CSG overpayments  | 7/9/2024                    | \$159,920                    | 1                                    | 1st Qtr. FY<br>2025                 |
|  | 2) review the FMV<br>of substantial<br>premiums in the<br>two-year period<br>prior to this<br>audit to identify<br>potential NFFS<br>overstatements and<br>recover the related<br>CSG overpayments |                             | \$131,971                    | 1                                    | 1st Qtr. FY<br>2025                 |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  |                             | <b>\$335,271</b>             | <b>7</b>                             |                                     |



## Investigative Activities

The IG Act provides for the OIG to receive and investigate complaints or allegations involving potential violations of law, rules, or regulations, mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or abuse of authority. We receive allegations through a variety of means, including our hotline. We review allegations to determine whether the complaint should be the subject of an audit, evaluation, or investigation, or referred to CPB or another entity. If we decide to investigate, our results must be reported here. We may refer the results of our investigations to appropriate prosecuting authorities for action, and such actions must be reported here.

### ALLEGATIONS AND HOTLINE COMPLAINTS

At the beginning of this reporting period, we had no carryover complaints. During this reporting period, we received 62 new complaints. We closed 45 complaints because we determined that they either lacked merit or specificity, the complaint was not within our purview, or the issues were already under review. We referred or provided information on the other 17 complaints including referrals made to CPB management or potential OIG audit/evaluation. At the end of the reporting period, no complaints remained open.

### INVESTIGATIONS

During this reporting period, we did not open any new investigations, and we do not have any ongoing investigations.



## Other OIG Activities

### AUDIT PEER REVIEW

The OIG's most recent audit peer review was conducted by the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program for the year that ended March 31, 2022. We received a rating of pass, which is the highest level of assurance an audit organization can receive, and the report contained no recommendations. The report is dated January 20, 2023, and can be reviewed on our website at the following link. [\*System Review Report on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Office of Inspector General's Audit Organization\*](#)

### INSPECTION & EVALUATION PEER REVIEW

The OIG's most recent inspection and evaluation peer review was conducted by the Farm Credit Administration OIG for the period that ended September 30, 2021. The peer review determined that CPB OIG's policies and procedures were generally consistent with the seven Blue Book standards and that the two reports reviewed both generally complied with those same seven standards. The report is dated January 28, 2022, and can be reviewed on our website at the following link. [\*Inspection and Evaluation Peer Review of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Office of the Inspector General\*](#)

### QUALITY ASSESSMENT REVIEW OF INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS

The OIG's first peer review of investigative operations was conducted by the Architect of the Capitol Office of Inspector General for the three-year period that ended December 31, 2023. The report, dated May 9, 2024, concluded that the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of our office was in compliance with the applicable quality standards established by Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) and the other applicable guidelines and statutes. [\*Report on the Quality Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Office of Inspector General\*](#)



## OIG OUTREACH

During this reporting period, the Inspector General (IG) and other OIG staff completed two audits and eight unannounced station compliance evaluations. These audits and evaluations provided the opportunity for the IG and OIG staff to interact with station officials and to discuss the results of the audit or evaluation work and convey overall information about the OIG, our mission, and CPB compliance requirements.

### *Station Outreach*

During this reporting period, we conducted onsite entrance conferences and fieldwork for our audits. We also presented a training module during the Public Media Business Association annual conference in May. The seminar was presented in a Q & A format and covered topics including what to expect during an OIG audit or evaluation, issues identified during audits and investigations, how to discuss issues with boards of directors, and how to guard against potential fraud and cyber security threats.

### *Participation in CIGIE*

The IG continues to serve as a member on several CIGIE committees including the Integrity, Audit, Legislation, and Inspection and Evaluation committees.





## II . CPB AUDIT RESOLUTION ACTIVITIES

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND TREASURER

September 30, 2024

The audit function of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is essential for ensuring compliance with statutory requirements and Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) policies regarding the eligibility and use of funds from grants and contracts. CPB management collaborates closely with the OIG to maximize the value to the American public of the federal government's investment in public media.

OIG audits serve as a vital tool for CPB management to evaluate the effectiveness of various programs, ensuring that CPB's limited resources are used for their intended statutory purposes. This partnership has resulted in numerous improvements within the public media system. We are encouraged by the ongoing trend of fewer audit findings and minimal questioned costs, indicating that funds are being used more effectively. We attribute these positive outcomes to CPB's proactive communication with grantees and mandatory training on compliance with the Communications Act and CPB policies. Additionally, the OIG hosts information-sharing sessions at public media meetings and conferences, which have proven effective in educating our grantees on compliance matters.

The findings from OIG audits and limited-scope evaluations are also crucial for assessing the effectiveness of CPB's own policies and procedures, guiding necessary modifications.

We are proud of CPB's partnership with the OIG in managing and overseeing taxpayer investments in public media.

Nick Stromann  
Acting Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer



## Recovering Disallowed Costs and Funds Put to Better Use

During this reporting period, CPB management issued five management decisions that addressed OIG findings on questioned costs and funds put to better use. The following table presents the results of management's actions.

| Description   | Number of Reports | Dollar Value of Disallowed Costs | Dollar Value Funds Put to Better Use |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Reports with management decisions for which final action had not been completed by the start of the reporting period.                   | 6                 | \$232,064                        | \$264,059                            |
| Reports for which management decisions were made during the reporting period  | 5                 | \$35,595                         | 376,961                              |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>11</b>         | <b>\$267,659</b>                 | <b>\$641,020</b>                     |
| Reports for which final action was taken during the reporting period.   | 10*               |                                  |                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dollar value of disallowed costs that have been recovered through collection or offset.</li></ul> |                   | \$261,493                        | \$311,915                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dollar value of disallowed costs written off as uncollectible.</li></ul>                          |                   | \$0                              | \$0                                  |
| Reports for which final actions were not completed by the end of the reporting period.  | 4                 | \$6,166                          | \$329,105                            |

\* Final corrective actions and collections are reported on seven reports and a partial collection was received on another three reports.



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