



Office of Inspector General

Appalachian Regional Commission

Investigative Summary

Report Number: INV-25-01

May 15, 2025

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation upon receiving information alleging that an individual had submitted fraudulent information as part of an ARC grant application. During the course of its investigation, the OIG discovered additional misrepresentations by the same individual on subsequent financial reports submitted to ARC following receipt of the grant award. At the conclusion of its investigation, the OIG made the following factual findings:

- 1. During the grant application process, a match funding commitment letter containing a forged signature was submitted by the above individual to ARC.**
- 2. The above individual misrepresented the grantee's match funding availability on the grant application and made subsequent misrepresentations on financial reports submitted to ARC for approximately six months following receipt of the grant award.**
- 3. During the grant's period of performance, the grantee's internal controls were insufficient to effectively administer ARC funds.**

Based on the above findings, the OIG issued two recommendations to ARC management.

This is a summary of an investigative report submitted to ARC management on April 15, 2025.