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SUBJECT: IRA—Discrimination Financial Assistance Program

The Office of Inspector General performed an audit of IRA—Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP). The audit was performed to evaluate USDA's internal controls related to consistent and accurate reviews of applications for assistance and proper disbursements of DFAP. We reviewed relevant documents and interviewed officials responsible for administering and overseeing DFAP. Our audit covered DFAP awards issued in fiscal year 2024. This report contains sensitive content and is being withheld from public release due to privacy concerns and because it contains content that has been deemed privileged.

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