

Investigative Case Summary

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AmeriCorps Recouping Funds Improperly Drawn Down by a Grantee

AmeriCorps Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigated allegations that Corp Regional de Guayama de Servicios a la Comunidad (CRGSC), located in Cayey, PR, drew down grant funds through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Payment Management System (HHS-PMS) for its Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) without corresponding supporting documentation as required by 2 CFR 200.430.

The evidence collected through the investigation supported findings that CRGSC had historically drawn down more than it expended, including a \$20,000 drawdown in July 2021 after AmeriCorps had placed it on a manual hold "due to the grantee's failure to close grant 17SFAPR003, failure to pay on established debt, overdrawing stipend funds, and failure to resolves [sic] special conditions placed on their grant." Furthermore, the drawdown was made after CRGSC notified AmeriCorps on June 28, 2021, that it would be ceasing operations as of June 30, 2021. The investigation found that the AmeriCorps Office of Grants Administration could not explain or provide supporting documentation for why AmeriCorps had authorized the request from CRGSC to draw down the \$20,000.

At the conclusion of the investigation, AmeriCorps OIG made three recommendations to AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps concurred with all of our recommendations.

Recommendation 1: Recoup any remaining AmeriCorps funds still in the possession of CRGSC;

- AmeriCorps is in the process of recouping the funds.

Recommendation 2: Require all grantees to provide their IRS Form 990 on an annual basis, prior to exercising any new award or continuation; and,

- AmeriCorps indicated that this recommendation has been in practice since February 2023.

Recommendation 3: Implement internal controls and train AmeriCorps personnel on the new controls that would prevent removing or bypassing a manual hold without the proper approval from the office that requested the manual hold. Records of any such approval should be stored in a location accessible by all relevant parties within AmeriCorps.

- AmeriCorps stated that updated policies and procedures have been put into place since the occurrence of this investigation.

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