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In March 2018, a German citizen living in the United States was [indicted](#) on a charge related to a scheme to defraud the Department of more than \$1.2 million. The case was investigated by OIG special agents. According to the indictment, the individual, as director of a company, was awarded grant funds to support and promote U.S. global internet freedom efforts based on the claim that the company was a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. According to the indictment, however, the company was not a 501(c)(3) and thus was ineligible for the grant, and the individual spent much of the grant funds on personal expenses. An OIG Special Assistant U.S. Attorney and a Justice Department Assistant U.S. Attorney are prosecuting the case.