



March 26, 2001

Mr. Amos Sparks
Haralson County Commissioner
P. O. Box 489
Buchanan, GA 30113

re: OIG Report 01-28(H), ARC Grant GA-13076


Dear Mr. Sparks:

Enclosed is our report dealing with a grant to improve adult literacy and train local residents in GED preparation and entrepreneurial skills. The review did not disclose any conditions needing correction; and therefore, the report is considered closed.

A copy of the report is being provided to the Federal Co-Chairman, ARC Executive Director, and Georgia State Alternate.

The courtesies and cooperation afforded the auditor were appreciated.

Sincerely,


Hubert N. Sparks
Inspector General

Enclosure



MARCH 21, 2001

OIG REPORT 01-28 (H)

MEMORANDUM FOR AMOS SPARKS
 HARALSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: Memorandum Survey Report
 Review Haralson County Adult Literacy
 Grant No. GA-13076

PURPOSE

The purposes of our review were (1) to determine the allowability of the costs claimed under the ARC grant, (2) to determine if the grant objectives were met, and (3) to determine the current status of the project.

SCOPE

Our review included procedures to review costs incurred and claimed for reimbursement under the grant. The period of performance for the grant was September 1, 1998, through August 31, 2000. We reviewed the grantee's reports, examined records, and held discussions with grantee officials in Bremen, Georgia on February 22, 2001. As a basis for determining allowable costs and compliance requirements, we used the provisions of the grant agreement, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-87 and A-102, and the ARC Code. Audit work was performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

BACKGROUND

ARC Grant GA-13076, Phase I and II, was awarded to Haralson County Commission in 1998. The grant was to provide funds to improve adult literacy and train local residents in GED preparation and entrepreneurial skills. Training will be provided through the construction of a computer lab that will utilize inter-active software and be staffed by adult literacy professionals from Carroll Technical Institute.

The proposed project costs for equipment and installation was estimated at \$365,914 as follows:

	Phase I	Phase II	Total
ARC	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$180,000
State/local Match	<u>81,589</u>	<u>104,325</u>	<u>185,914</u>
	\$ 171,589	\$ 194,325	\$365,914

RESULTS

Financial Review

During our visit, we reviewed the grantee's accounting records, including invoices and supporting documentation for a sample of grant costs charged to the project. Total claimed costs were supported by the grantee's accounting records; and no deficiencies were noted as to the allowability of the expenses or the adequacy of the documentation for the expenditures we reviewed.

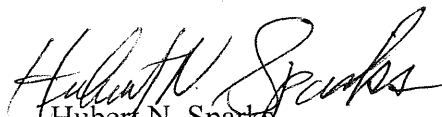
The final costs claimed and accepted by ARC are as follows:

	Phase I	Phase II	Total
ARC	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$180,000
State/local Match	<u>81,589</u>	<u>108,779</u>	<u>190,368</u>
	\$171,589	\$198,779	\$370,368

The grantee has met their required matching funds. Final reports were received on both phases and the grants were closed out September 23, 1999 and October 23, 2000, respectively. The Adult Literacy Program no longer requires federal support.

Program Review

The grantee has successfully completed the tasks of the grant with a computer lab established and a GED program in place with child care available, resulting in a higher than expected number of graduates receiving their GED in the second year. The grantee has also added an entrepreneurial program.


 Hubert N. Sparks
 Inspector General



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April 2, 2001

Mr. Phil Whitlow, ARC Program Coordinator
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, N.E., Suite 120
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231

re: OIG Reports 01-28(H), 01-29(H), and 01-30(H);
ARC Grants GA-13076, GA-13551, and GA-13407

Dear Mr. Whitlow:

Enclosed are copies of our reports on the subject grants.

Sincerely,


Hubert N. Sparks
Inspector General

Enclosures



July 20, 2001

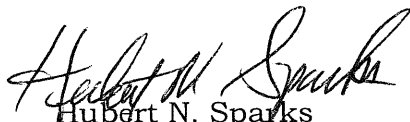
MEMORANDUM FOR The Federal Co-Chairman
ARC Executive Director

SUBJECT: OIG Reports

Enclosed are copies of the below-listed memorandum reports that apparently were not forwarded to your office at the time of issuance. The reports generally do not identify conditions needing followup, and we have closed the reports. However, OIG Report 01-37(H) notes that the Jefferson County Board of Education distance Learning Project had with project completion and equipment utilization delays similar to those reported in 01-21(H), Elmore County Telecommunications Project. Our recommendations emphasized timely project completion or alternative actions to utilize the equipment. For future projects of this type, control should be exercised to preclude equipment purchases substantially prior to other key project requirements being met.

- o 01-22(H), Grant TN-12513, Scott County Emergency and Health Service Complex
- o 01-23(H), Grant TN-12161, Cocke County Comprehensive Dental Service Grants
- o 01-24(H), Grant TN-12499, Bledsoe County Dental Project Grants
- o 01-25(H), Grant OH-13223, Foundation of Appalachian Ohio
- o 01-26(H), Grant KY-13352, Appalachian Kentucky Water Resource Planning Grant
- o 01-28(H), Grant GA-13076, Haralson County Adult Literacy
- o 01-29(H), Grant GA-13551, Appalachian Georgia Early Childhood Initiative
- o 01-30(H), Grant GA-13407, Catoosa County Adult Literacy Program
- o 01-31(H), Grant NC-13217, Tri-County Community College Information Highway Site
- o 01-32(H), Grant NC-13511, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute

- 01-34(H), Grant NC-13186, North Carolina Partnership for Children
- 01-36(H), J-1 Visa waiver Program—Alabama
- 01-37(H), Grant AL-12447, Jefferson County Distance Learning Project
- 01-38(H), Grant AL-13452, North Alabama Science Center Hands-On Science Education Program
- 01-39(H), Grant AL-13244, Jefferson State Community College Workforce Development Center
- 01-40(H), Grant AL-13143, Birmingham Regional Visioning Implementation Project


Hubert N. Sparks
Inspector General

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Judy Rae