



August 31, 2001

OIG REPORT 01-48 (H)

**MEMORANDUM FOR: EVE BOGAN, DIRECTOR
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

SUBJECT: Memorandum Survey Report
Review of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Project
GA-13626

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 survey included procedures to review costs incurred and claimed for reimbursement under the grant, as well as costs claimed as matching funds. The period of performance for the grant was May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001. We reviewed the grantee's reports, examined records, and held discussions with grantee officials in Atlanta, Georgia on July 30, 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-13626 was awarded to the Georgia Department of Human Resources to provide funds to identify and treat infants with severe hearing impairment. The grantee will purchase newborn hearing screening equipment for 19 hospitals that serve 33 of the ARC-designated counties in north Georgia.

The total project costs was for \$196,000. The ARC grant was for \$96,700 (49%) and the grantee was to pay or cause to be paid the non-federal matching contribution of \$99,300 (51%).

RESULTS


Financial Review

During our visit, we reviewed the grantee's accounting records, including invoices and supporting documentation for the 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 grantee appears to have met their requirements for matching funds.

The grantee's final reimbursement request, dated July 2, 2001, claimed total costs of \$195,943.80, which included grant costs of \$96,659.08 (49%) and matching costs of \$99,284.72 (51%). A final report has been received and the grant was closed July 17, 2001, with a deobligation of \$40.92.

Program Review

The grantee appears to have completed the tasks required in the grant. The grantee will be monitoring the hospitals/clinics to ensure full utilization of the equipment. Grantee's records were well documented and organized.


Hubert N. Sparks
Inspector General



August 30, 2001

Ms. Eve Bogan, Director
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re: OIG Report 01-48(H), Grant GA-13626

Dear Ms. Bogan:

Enclosed is a copy of our report dealing with a grant for assisting with the identification and treatment of infants with severe hearing impairment. We consider the report 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