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Senior Corps Grantee Debarred After Scamming CNCS Grant Funds

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CNCS management reported possible fraud involving RSVP grantee TCU Community Partnership Inc. (TCU), Conyers, GA, after its management drew down \$20,750 of Federal grant funds and failed to enroll any volunteers and fulfill the terms and conditions of the grant.

Investigation determined Ms. Luvina Beckley-Knight, CEO, M.H.M. and Associate Enterprise (M.H.M.), Glendora, CA, knowingly obtained a Federal grant utilizing TCU, a "virtual" non-profit organization, which Ms. Beckley-Knight used to funnel funds back to her for-profit business.

In her grant application to CNCS, Ms. Beckley-Knight hid the relationship between M.H.M. and TCU in which TCU contracted with M.H.M. to provide management services under the grant. After being awarded the Senior Corps grant, Ms. Beckley-Knight drew down funds, but was unable to support the cost or demonstrate the funds were authorized under the grant terms. Additionally, Ms. Beckley-Knight directed the submission of fabricated IRS 990's to CNCS-OIG Investigators, claimed an individual was providing training to volunteers, when in fact he was not, and claimed she was paid with matching funds, when in fact she was paid by Federal grant funds.

The CNCS-OIG recommended CNCS recoup the \$20,750, Ms. Beckley-Knight draw down from the TCU RSVP grant. CNCS-OIG also recommended debarment of M.H.M., TCU, and Ms. Beckley-Knight.

CNCS management concurred with the CNCS-OIG findings and required Ms. Beckley-Knight to repay the \$20,750. Additionally, CNCS management debarred M.H.M., TCU, and Ms. Beckley-Knight for a period of three years.

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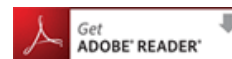
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