



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A15020011

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We investigated allegations concerning inappropriate expenditure of award funds by a PI (Subject) from five grants over a several-year period. We found evidence the PI was spending from grants serially, from the oldest to the most recent, to support all current research activity under one grant. He requested multiple no-cost extensions for each grant and spent the funds of a given grant during its final extension year. As a result, his university returned approximately \$195,000 of his misspent funds.

To ensure improvement in the Subject's stewardship of federal grant money, we made three recommendations to the relevant NSF programs for implementing additional oversight for grants with the Subject as PI and NSF agreed to all.

In addition to our actions related to NSF, we identified several administrative practices at the Subject's current university that were questionable and provided feedback to the university to facilitate better management of such awards.

This case is closed with no further action taken.