



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-20-0004-O

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We investigated an allegation that a university misspent nearly \$1 million of an NSF award on non-award related expenses to avoid having unspent funds at the end of the award period. We subpoenaed and reviewed the award's financial documentation and determined that the burn rate on the award was generally linear with no indications of unusual spending patterns, such as a spike in spending at the end of the award period. We identified one large drawdown of nearly \$1 million during the award's lifecycle. Based on our review of the documentation provided by the university, we did not identify any indicators of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement associated with that drawdown.

This case is closed with no further action taken.