

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## **CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM**

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We initiated an investigation into allegations of misuse of NSF funds by staff at a college. We interviewed the PI, co-PI, and other staff responsible for administering the NSF award. We obtained and reviewed relevant documents from the college. Based on the interviews and review of the records, we identified inappropriate charges, duplicate charges, and expenses for which the college had insufficient documentation. We referred the matter to the U.S. Attorney's Office for possible civil action. The U.S. Attorney's office and the college executed a civil settlement agreement, which requires the college to repay more than \$160,000 and institute a 5-year compliance plan, if it submits a proposal to NSF within 3 years of the settlement date.

Accordingly, this case is *closed*.