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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I13060041

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We investigated an entity for improper supplemental salary payments to researchers; violations of HHS salary caps; violations of NSF grant terms and conditions; improper charging of administrative salaries; inadequate time and effort compliance; internal cost-sharing noncompliance; and other issues. We conducted this investigation with several other federal agencies.

We identified significant instances of cost shifting of salary and other expenditures, improper travel expenditures, and improper supplemental salary payments to researchers on four NSF awards. The other investigating agencies also identified various improper charges in the agency awards they reviewed.

The entity ultimately entered into a civil settlement with DOJ. NSF received nearly \$450,000 from the total settlement amount.

This case is **closed** with no further action taken.