



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0073-O

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We received an allegation that a PI at a university misused award funds. We substantiated the allegation and determined the PI used NSF supplemental award funds in a manner inconsistent with their intended purposes. We learned that the PI disclosed this to the NSF Program Officer; thereafter, NSF reduced the award by the amount of one of the supplements. At our recommendation, NSF suspended the award and subsequently reduced the award by the amount of the other supplements.

We interviewed relevant university personnel, reviewed records from the university, and interviewed the NSF Program Officer. We found that the university was unable to support undergraduate student expenses charged to the award. We provided our findings to the university and the university returned nearly \$20,000 to NSF. The university also took corrective action concerning its time and effort policies and procedures.

This case is closed with no further action taken.