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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that an NSF grantee official used award funds for personal use. We found no evidence to substantiate this allegation. However, during our investigation, we found evidence that the grantee both drew down more NSF funds than it had expenses to support and maintained a surplus of NSF funds. We referred the matter to the U.S. Department of Justice, which declined to prosecute the matter. Through additional requests to the awardee, we learned that it also advanced payments to individuals associated with the award. We issued a Questionable Financial Practices letter to the grantee related to its drawdown practices and advance payment practices that violated NSF policy.

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