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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A04030014

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We reviewed 71 grants selected by a random sampling procedure from NSF Fiscal Year 2001 awards for conferences, workshops and symposia. As part of the review, we requested grant records from each grantee. Where the records indicated possible issues, we opened inquiries to resolve the issues.

In a grant that supported participation in a Mathematics conference¹, we identified potential program income from registration fees mentioned in the grant proposal but not included in records supplied by the grantee. We opened an inquiry to resolve this issue.

The grantee eventually provided documentation on \$3,500 in registration fees, which had been deposited directly into a departmental account and used for conference expenses. We determined that while certain expenses were unallowable (including alcohol), the unallowable expenses could be allocated to a non-Federal co-sponsor of the conference. The remaining costs appeared to be reasonable and allocable to the NSF grant. The grantee agreed to educate the department and other PIs about University and Federal policies regarding program income. Accordingly, this case is closed.

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