



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A04100060

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We received notice from [REDACTED] that \$20,000 in participant support funds provided in an NSF grant¹ were improperly converted into funds for supplies. The original approved budget called for \$5,000 in travel, \$20,000 in participant support, and \$5,000 in materials and supplies. [REDACTED] approved a proposal to change the budget to reflect \$4,000 in travel, \$18,000 in participant support, and \$8,000 in material and supplies. We obtained a letter from the PI², notifying [REDACTED] that contrary to his approved budget, he had spent \$20,650 on supplies, \$4200 for travel, and \$5,150 for equipment maintenance, scientific services, and mail. That correspondence requested a post-facto approval of the expenditures. That request was denied. We contacted the institution³ and raised the matter with the Office of [REDACTED]. That office reviewed the expenditures under the award and ensured that any funds improperly expended were returned to NSF. We received a copy of the final FCTR for the award, indicating the return of \$18,763.51 of funds to NSF.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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