



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-02030010

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On 22 March 2002, our office received an anonymous Hotline call alleging fraud and misuse of NSF grant funds by [redacted] (subject), a professor at [redacted] and Principal Investigator on NSF grant [redacted]. According to the anonymous complainant, the subject spent NSF grant funds building a log cabin. The anonymous complainant provided no additional information or evidence to support this allegation.

The subject submitted proposal [redacted] to NSF's Division of Environmental Biology on 23 February 1999, requesting \$767,597 for a 3 year project on [redacted]. After a subsequent revision, the subject lowered the funding request to \$700,000. The Division of Environmental Biology granted this proposal as 3 year continuing award on 1 July 1999. According to the budget and budget justification, NSF funding will provide for full time support, travel, supplies and some capital equipment. The proposal does not include any reference to building a log cabin. According to NSF's Federal Cash Transaction Reports (FCTR), the subject spent \$606,544.15 as of 31 March 2002, leaving \$36,136.66 in unobligated funds. The FCTR does not itemize expenses.

As the proposal does not include any reference to the construction of a log cabin, there is no indication of any impropriety from NSF staff or reviewers, and the anonymous complainant did not provide any evidence to support this allegation, there is insufficient information to warrant any further investigation. Accordingly, this case is closed and no further action will be taken by this office unless additional, credible information is provided.

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