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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-03120071

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As part of a review of awards for conferences, workshops, and symposia, we requested information about a grant¹ from the grantee.² The proposal requested travel, lodging, and subsistence for speakers presenting at a workshop. The grant provided \$25,000, entirely in participant support; in the proposal, the grantee promised to provide, and the award letter specified, \$25,000 in cost-sharing. We wrote to the grantee requesting grant records and information about any program income, which they provided.

Review of the materials provided by the grantee raised three issues: (1) registration and other fees that were collected were not used to defray conference expenses; (2) there appeared to have been no cost sharing; and (3) several charges appeared to be either unrelated to the conference, duplicative, or unsupported. We queried the grantee about these issues, and the grantee responded by providing support for one charge, noting that the duplicative charge was in error, agreeing that the other charges were unallowable, agreeing that the program income should have been credited before NSF grant funds were expended, agreeing that 50% cost sharing should have been provided, and concluding "that \$10,568.51 needs to be repaid" to NSF. We subsequently received a check payable to NSF for that amount, which we forwarded to NSF.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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