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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received information from Division of Grants and Agreements (DGA) that during new award review, a grantee<sup>1</sup> institution notified NSF that a previous employee was under investigation for fraud. The employee was terminated in 2010 and internal controls have been put in place. DGA was unsure if NSF funds were at risk.

Review of the grantee funding history found only one active grant<sup>2</sup> during that time period. The grant was awarded in 2007 and closed in 2013. All funds were awarded for Participant Support and instructional cost.

A PI on the award said that the NSF award was not affected by the internal theft and that all participant support was appropriately paid. The President of the institution stated that an Administrative Assistant to the Financial Office wrote checks to herself off the general account and no restricted funds were involved. The Admin Assistant also reconciled bank statements and hid the checks. The Admin Assistant was fired and is pending prosecution by the local authorities. The institution has instituted new internal controls and no NSF funds were at risk by this embezzlement.

The case will be closed.

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