

Summary: Investigation of Alleged Misuse of Grant Funds awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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OIG investigated the alleged misuse of Federal grant funds awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife (VDFW). The complaint alleged that a subcontractor working with VDFW, submitted invoices with inflated hours to VDFW for work the company performed on Vermont's Let's Go Fishing (LGF) program. VDFW funded the program through a Federal grant awarded by FWS.

Our investigation did not substantiate the allegations. We found that the grant agreements did not require the subcontractor to keep detailed records of hours worked under the subcontract, and our interviews and records reviews revealed that the complainant was not aware of all the hours the subcontractor worked under the grant.

We provided the results of our investigation to FWS for information only.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued internally to the U.S. Department of the Interior. This summary was posted to the web on May 18, 2016.

