

Grantee Submitted False Claims and Directed AmeriCorps Members to Displace Staff

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CNCS-OIG investigated an allegation that a senior official at Ashby House, Salina, KS, improperly managed the AmeriCorps program. Investigation by CNCS-OIG and the Kansas Volunteer Commission (Commission), Topeka, KS, determined the senior official improperly utilized members to perform various duties outside the scope of the grant and improperly charged a printer to the grant. In addition, the grantee violated:

45 C.F.R. § 2540.100 – *Displacement*, when the grantee improperly utilized AmeriCorps members (members) to perform various duties normally performed by Ashby House employees.

Agency/Administrative Actions

CNCS management and the Commission concurred with the CNCS-OIG findings and recommendations. The Commission immediately suspended Ashby House's AmeriCorps grant and subsequently conducted a comprehensive review of the program. The Commission disallowed \$7,656.66 for (1) expenses improperly charged to the grant, (2) displacement, (3) member service performed outside the scope of the grant, and (4) timesheet non-compliance.

Ashby House was allowed to complete its 2016-2017 grant under close supervision by the Commission. However, due to management concerns, the Commission elected not to renew Ashby House's AmeriCorps grant application for 2017-2018.

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