

AmeriCorps Grantee Overpaid Program Staff Resulting in Disallowed Costs

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CNCS-OIG investigated allegations that staff at the Salvation Army, Anchorage, AK, Safe Senior AmeriCorps Program (SSAP) mismanaged the AmeriCorps program and pressured AmeriCorps members (members) to add unearned service hours to their timesheets. The investigation did not substantiate those allegations. However, during its investigation, CNCS-OIG determined one employee failed to document all of her time spent on the SSAP Planning Grant and another employee was given a year's salary, but only worked at Salvation Army on the SSAP for approximately nine months.

Agency/Administrative Actions

CNCS management responded and partially concurred with CNCS-OIG's recommendations. CNCS did not agree that one employee failed to properly document her time spent on the SSAP Planning Grant, but issued a debt for a portion of her salary that was over the approved budget line item. CNCS disagreed that Salvation Army overpaid the other employee a year's salary when the employee only worked on the program for nine months because she worked more hours than planned and the Salvation Army did not exceed the approved budget limits for her salary. CNCS confirmed the Alaska Commission updated its Program Director's Manual that now contains satisfactory requirements for staff timekeeping.

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