

## **AmeriCorps OIG Found a Grantee Maintained Inadequate Financial Records and Had Inadequate Program Oversight**

Closed 03/15/2024

The AmeriCorps Office of Inspector General (AmeriCorps OIG) investigated allegations of fraud, waste, and mismanagement at the Harrison County Council on Aging's (HCCA) Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Bethany, MO. HCCA was unable to produce financial records related to its RSVP program upon request. Information obtained during interviews indicated that HCCA did not provide adequate oversight of its RSVP program. Specifically, the HCCA Board of Directors was uninformed regarding RSVP policies and general program information, and the Board President did not believe the Board had the authority to monitor HCCA's RSVP Project Director. As a result, no one at HCCA approved the Project Director's time sheets or leave requests, and the Project Director wrote their own paychecks. During the investigation, HCCA terminated the Project Director and relinquished its RSVP grant. AmeriCorps issued HCCA a debt collection letter for findings of noncompliance for missing National Service Criminal History Checks and unsupported drawdowns of grant funds resulting from an Office of Monitoring review. HCCA's grant was closed in non-compliance due to the inability to reconcile funds.

AmeriCorps OIG presented the matter to a United States Attorney's Office for prosecutorial consideration, which ultimately declined prosecution in lieu of administrative remedies. AmeriCorps OIG issued a Report of Investigation (ROI) to AmeriCorps Seniors and the Office of Grants Administration recommending that they review HCCA's Federal Financial Reports and supporting documentation to determine whether additional grant funds should be disallowed.

### **Agency/Administrative Actions**

AmeriCorps responded to the ROI and stated that since HCCA was not a current grantee and all of its grants had been closed, it would not move forward with any unallowable costs.

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