

Grant Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement

Fraud

In law, fraud is deliberate deception to secure unfair or unlawful gain, or to deprive a victim of a legal right.

Grant Recipient's Responsibilities

Federal grants are awarded to carry out specific goals and objectives. These funds are subject to certain regulations, oversight, and audit.

1. Grant recipients are stewards of federal funds.
2. Grant dollars must be used for their intended purpose.
3. Where applicable, grant recipients must account for costs and justify and document expenditures

Using federal grant dollars for unjust enrichment, personal gain, or other than their intended use is a form of theft.

Individual who do so may be subject to criminal and civil prosecution under the laws of the United States.

Report Federal Grant Fraud

Office of inspector General (OIG) This office is responsible for investigation allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse, and can be located at: WWW.IGNET.GOV

Report State Grant Fraud

The State of Illinois has two agencies charged with investigating fraud:

Executive office of the inspector General: WWW.illinois.gov/oeig/pages/default.aspx

Office of the Auditor General: www.auditor.illinois.gov/hotline/hotline.asp