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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT: STATE AGENCY FAILED TO EXERCISE ADEQUATE
OVERSIGHT OF GRANT FUNDS
Columbus, Ohio, November 5, 2013

The inspector general issued a report of investigation today reviewing the quality of grant oversight by the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (formerly known as the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission).

The investigation was launched by the inspector general to comply with a 2009 mandate of the Ohio General Assembly which directed the inspector general to monitor spending by state government entities that received \$8.7 billion from the federal government under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The review found the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency failed to exercise adequate oversight of \$23 million in ARRA grant funds extended to local grantees throughout the state. Because the state agency did not properly account for grant payments to the local grantees, several received excess payments. A number of local grantees also failed to meet, by substantial margins, goals which had been set under the grant agreement. However, the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency continued to send grant payments to these local grantees.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2013-CA00012 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2013Investigations.aspx>

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