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Tapiana Wray
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Reference: OIG Report No. 21-1-005

Dear Ms. Wray:

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has completed the review and resolution of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit report on the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID -2019) flexibilities at the University of Alaska Fairbank's (UAF) for the period March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

While the audit report did not identify any exceptions related to UAF's use of the COVID-19 flexibilities, the report questioned \$28,606 in costs claimed under NSF awards and recommended that UAF strengthen its administrative and management controls for the areas in which findings were identified. Based on UAF's agreement with the findings and questioned costs identified in the audit report, NSF's management decision is to disallow all questioned costs in the amount of \$28,606. The table below summarizes the disallowed costs by funding number:

Finding	Description	Questioned	Disallowed	Allowed
1	Credits Not Appropriately Returned	\$14,964	\$14,964	\$0
2	Inappropriately Applied Indirect Costs	\$10,704	\$10,704	\$0
3	Unallowable Expenses	\$2,938	\$2,938	\$0
4	Incorrect Application of Proposed Indirect Cost Rates	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:		\$28,606	\$28,606	\$0

UAF has provided NSF evidence of \$28,606 in repayment.

Please be aware that UAF's right to appeal cost disallowances by NSF is outlined in Chapter XII.B of the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG), which may be found online at: https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pappg.

UAF's timely responses and cooperation with the NSF audit resolution process are greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the NSF audit resolution process, please contact me at 703-292-4579.

Sincerely,

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