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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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In July 2004, the Office of Inspector General initiated a proactive review of participant support funds<sup>1</sup> allocated to NSF awards. Participant support funds are restricted to specific uses and cannot be reallocated without prior written approval from NSF. During the course of this review, OIG randomly selected this award<sup>2</sup> for review.

The institution<sup>3</sup> provided OIG with its financial documents for this award, which revealed \$57,443.17 in undocumented participant support. The institution requested a retroactive reallocation of participant support funds, which was subsequently denied by the program officer.<sup>4</sup>

When OIG asked the institution how they intended to resolve the undocumented participant support, the institution responded by sending NSF a check for \$57,443.17. The institution also certified that no federal funds were used to pay back NSF.

In light of the above, no further investigative effort is necessary in this matter.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

<sup>1</sup> Participant support costs are expended to or on the behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) for stipends, subsistence, travel and registration fees for conferences, symposiums and/or workshops.

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