

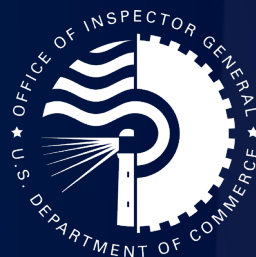
Recognize and report fraud in federally funded programs, contracts, and grants—including instances of

Grant Fraud.

Grant funds are awarded for a specific “public purpose” and grantees must use those funds as agreed and within certain parameters, including Office of Management and Budget Circulars and the granting agency’s guidelines. Grant fraud results in government money, and ultimately taxpayer money, being spent on unapproved goods and services, limited funds for those who do meet grant requirements, and an erosion of public trust.

Indicators of **grant fraud** include the grantee doing the following:

- Charging personal expenses as business expenses against the grant
- Charging for costs which have not been incurred or are not attributable to the grant
- Charging for inflated labor costs or hours
- Falsifying information in grant applications or contract proposals
- Billing more than one grant or contract for the same work
- Falsifying test results or other data
- Substituting approved materials with unauthorized products
- Misrepresenting a project’s status to continue receiving government funds
- Influencing government employees to award a grant to a particular company, family member, or friend



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