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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

December 19, 2025

OIG-CA-26-011

Mr. Charles Reed
Assistant County Administrator
500 Elm Street Suite 7600
Dallas, TX 75202-3301

Re: Final Determination on Corrective Actions for Desk Review of Dallas County, Texas' Use of Coronavirus Relief Fund Proceeds (OIG-CA-25-014)

Dear Mr. Reed:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act),¹ established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and appropriated \$150 billion for making payments to states, District of Columbia, local, territorial, and tribal government entities. CRF recipients may use the CRF award funds to cover costs that:

1. were necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the government's budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
3. were incurred during the period that began on March 1, 2020, and ended on December 31, 2021, for states, local governments, and territories. In the case of tribal governments, were incurred during the period that began on March 1, 2020, and ended on December 31, 2022 (covered period).

Under a contract monitored by our office, a certified independent public accounting firm (IPA) performed a desk review to evaluate Dallas County's documentation supporting its use of CRF proceeds as reported in the GrantSolutions² portal. In the desk review memorandum,³ the IPA identified total unsupported questioned costs of \$16,423,761. Specifically,

- In the "contracts greater than or equal to \$50,000" category, the IPA identified \$15,843,967 related to the acquisition of an elections warehouse facility; and a variance between the support documentation and the reported expenditures for the emergency housing assistance program.

¹ P.L. 116-136 (March 27, 2020)

² GrantSolutions, a grant and program management Federal shared service provider under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, developed a customized and user-friendly reporting solution to capture the use of CRF payments from prime recipients.

³ Treasury OIG, *Desk Review of Dallas County, Texas' Use of Coronavirus Relief Fund Proceeds*, OIG-CA-25-014 (December 12, 2024)

- In the “grants greater than or equal to \$50,000” category, the IPA identified \$124,000 related to the childcare provider assistance grant program.
- In the “direct payments greater than or equal to \$50,000” category, the IPA identified \$446,902 related to a sub-recipient’s contactless water meter program; management contract services for a temporary hospital; and a variance between the support documentation and the sub-recipient’s reported expenditures for an annual website subscription.
- In the “aggregate payments to individuals” category, the IPA identified \$8,892 related to sick pay for government employees; and substantially dedicated payroll costs⁴ for the Dallas County elections department.

In April 2025, we contacted Dallas County requesting the county to provide supporting documentation for the questioned costs. In May and September 2025, Dallas County provided adequate documentation for \$16,258,348 and returned the remaining \$165,413 questioned costs to the Department of the Treasury, respectively. As such, Dallas County’s corrective actions addressed the questioned costs identified in the desk review.

We appreciate the courtesies and cooperation provided to our staff during the desk review follow-up. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (202) 927-5792, or a member of your staff may contact Olivia Scott, Acting Audit Director, at (202) 927-9635.

Sincerely,

/s/

Pauletta Battle
Acting Assistant Inspector General for Audit

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⁴ Substantially dedicated payroll costs meant that personnel must have dedicated over 50 percent of their time responding to or mitigating COVID-19.