



Corporation  
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Broadcasting

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Ron Pisaneschi  
General Manager  
Idaho Public Television  
1455 N Orchard St  
Boise, ID 83706-2239

Dear Mr. Pisaneschi,

RE: Audit of Community Service and Other Grants Awarded to Idaho Public Television  
for the Period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 (Report No. AST1910-2004)

The audit referenced above reported that Idaho Public Television (Idaho) complied with CPB grant and Communications Act requirements with one exception. Of the \$12,701,717 that it reported as non-federal financial support (NFFS) in 2017 and 2018, it misreported one donation, resulting in a \$5,900 community service grant (CSG) overpayment.

Recommendations 1 and 2: NFFS

Television CSG recipients may not report as NFFS, revenues received directly or as in-kind contributions that are restricted for capital acquisitions, including equipment purchases<sup>1</sup>. Idaho misreported a \$50,000 donation as NFFS that was restricted for equipment purchases, resulting in a fiscal year 2020 CSG overpayment of \$5,900. We and Idaho agree with this finding and Idaho must return the overpayment to CPB as explained below.

The audit also recommends that CPB require Idaho to identify the corrective actions and controls it will implement to ensure future compliance with CPB's NFFS reporting requirements for grant funds restricted by the donor for use as capital expenditures. It noted that Idaho planned to increase its internal review of all CSG financial reports before they are submitted to CPB to ensure this error does not occur going forward. Considering this and the amount misreported relative to the grant amounts audited, we will not require further documentation.

We adopted the CSG Non-compliance Policy to encourage stations to comply with the applicable provisions governing their CSG and the Communications Act. Failure to comply with these requirements which results in an overpayment of the recipient's CSG subjects the recipient to a penalty of ten percent of the amount of the overpayment, in addition to refunding the overpayment. Accordingly, CPB will assess a penalty of \$590 against Idaho which must be provided to CPB within 45 days of the date of this correspondence.

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<sup>1</sup> Financial Reporting Guidelines, Section V. NFFS: Excluded Revenues, G. Capital Assets: Television CSG Recipients.

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Action: Idaho must return the \$5,900 CSG overpayment to CPB which we will obtain through an adjustment to Idaho's fiscal year 2021 CSG. In addition, Idaho must remit the \$590 penalty by check payable to CPB and forward it to the attention of:

Nick Stromann, Vice President, Controller  
Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
401 Ninth Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004-2129.

If you wish CPB to consider additional information relating to this matter, please provide the same in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter. Failing that, CPB will consider these determinations final and Idaho will be required to comply with the actions set forth above. CPB reserves the right to take any other action it deems appropriate until these issues are resolved to CPB's satisfaction.

Kind regards,

*Jackie Livesay*

Jackie J. Livesay  
Assistant General Counsel & Vice President, Compliance

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