

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

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Kevin Donahue
City Administrator
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Risk Assessment

Dear City Administrator Donahue:

This letter is to notify you of the upcoming Office of the Inspector General (OIG) risk assessment of the District of Columbia's use of ARPA funding. This engagement is in support of the District's Oversight, Accountability, and Efficiency Initiative identified in the District's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 2021 Report.¹

The objectives of this risk assessment are to: (1) identify District ARPA resources subject to the highest risk of corruption, fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement; (2) identify high risk incongruences in the various federal and District ARPA law, rules, regulations, policies, and criteria; and (3) identify high risk structural issues related to the District's ARPA funding. The scope of this risk assessment will include funding appropriated to the District through the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The OIG plans to release the results of this risk assessment in a final report. The OIG will also use the results of this risk assessment to identify follow-on audits, inspections, or evaluations to address these high-risk areas, starting in fiscal year (FY) 2023.

The OIG has opted to procure a contractor to perform this risk assessment. It is expected that the contractor will identify District agencies, information systems, and responsible staff, and subsequently make requests for information. The contractor will require the support of District agencies to promptly respond to requests for information. We anticipate working with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and the Office of Budget and Performance Management to facilitate an efficient engagement.


¹ D.C. Office of the City Administrator, *Recovery Plan Performance Report District of Columbia, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 2021 Report*, Aug. 31, 2021, at 16, https://oca.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/oca/publication/attachments/DC_SLFRF%20Annual%20Report%202021%20and%20Project%20Inventory_web.pdf (last visited July 25, 2022).

This engagement will be conducted under project code OIG No. 22-2-27MA. Please reference this project code in all correspondence. The preliminary fieldwork will begin on or about August 3, 2022.

Matt Wilcoxson, Deputy Inspector General for External Affairs, will be reaching out to your Office to arrange a kick-off meeting to introduce the contractor, discuss the risk assessment process, and answer questions. If you have any questions in the interim, Mr. Wilcoxson may be reached at matthew.wilcoxson@dc.gov or 202-727-9537.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and your continued support of this Office.

Sincerely,


Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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