



STATE OF OHIO  
**OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

RANDALL J. MEYER, INSPECTOR GENERAL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS WEAKNESSES WITH OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN MONITORING OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO OHIO UNIVERSITY

Columbus, Ohio, October 1, 2019

The Office of the Inspector General launched an initiative to review how Safety and Hygiene Grant funds were being spent by multiple universities and examined whether the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC) provided adequate oversight in the awarding and monitoring of the grants. This report reviewed \$245,000 in grant monies awarded to Ohio University.

The Office of the Inspector General found OBWC followed processes to monitor the performance of the research conducted by Ohio University. However, investigators found OBWC did not adequately implement financial policies and procedures to monitor the award and spending of the grant funds. The report contains 11 recommendations to strengthen OBWC's internal control systems related to the awarding of research grants.

Investigators determined that Ohio University provided all required deliverables and spent research grant funds in accordance with the provisions in the grant agreement and grant proposal.

The report of investigation will be provided to the Ohio Auditor of State's Office for consideration during subsequent audits.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2018-CA00008 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2019investigations.aspx>

Contact:  
Office of the Ohio Inspector General  
(614) 644-9110

Find the Office of the Ohio Inspector General on [Twitter](#)



To stop all email from the Office of the Ohio Inspector General, please respond to [oig\\_watchdog@oig.ohio.gov](mailto:oig_watchdog@oig.ohio.gov) and insert the word "unsubscribe" in the subject line.