

Open ARC and State Administered Grants
OIG Report 17-24

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Summary

This report updates prior reports dealing with older grants administered by ARC and State agencies for which no ARC payments have been made, grants with smaller balances and grants with expired end dates and ARC balances and grants with zero balances.

A review of ARC.Net information identified 36 ARC and State administered grants approved prior to October 1, 2015 with no ARC payments and total balances of \$8,977,374 million dollars. Grants with small balances and no recent payments, expired end dates and zero balances were also identified for follow-up.

Although ARC policy states that States can request grant revocation if implementation is not started within 18 months of approval we used 24 months since ARC approval as a reasonable period for identifying inactive grants.

Scope and Background

ARC.Net, the ARC grant management system, was the primary source with respect to grant implementation and financial status. The annual Basic Agency Monitoring Report (BAMR) required for State administered grants and incorporated into ARC.Net was also a primary source of information about grant status. Prior reports have identified issues related to the subjects included in the report.

The review was performed in accordance with the OIG Inspections and Evaluations Standards.

ARC Administered Grants

Table A identifies 13 grants with approvals totaling \$2,615,462 that were approved prior to October 1, 2015 for which no ARC payments were reported. The period of approval ranged from 24 to 47 months prior to September 30, 2017.

Follow-up on grants included in report 16-33 with no payments identified three grant closings, two grants with payments and two deobligations totaling \$64,700.

Expired performance periods were identified for 130 grants with ARC balances approximating \$7.2 million including 7 of 13 grants noted above with balances totaling \$924,746. Table B identifies 10 grants with smaller balances.

State Administered Grants

Table C identifies 23 grants with approvals totaling \$6,361,912 that were approved prior to October 1, 2015 for which no payments were identified in ARC.Net. The period of approval prior to September 30, 2017 ranged from 24 to 48 months.

Follow-up on 7 grants included in report 16-33 with no payments identified one cancellation for \$100,000, two grants with payments, one grant with construction started and three grants with no change.

BAMR reports were received for 20 of the 24 grants in table C. Comments in these reports included no activity, no comments, changed end dates, high bids, acquisition delays, need final plans, delays, construction started, out to bid and one recommended cancellation.

Expired performance periods were identified for 15 grants with balances totaling \$1,047,098 including 3 of the 24 grants noted above with balances totaling \$483,000.

Table D identifies 11 grants with smaller balances totaling \$106,137. 43 grants were identified as having zero ARC balance.

Recommendations

- Follow-up action should be initiated on the identified grants to determine potential action including deobligations and use of funds for other priority projects.
- For continued active grants project extensions based on supported information about implementation timeframe should be initiated to avoid future ineligible expenditures.

ARC Administered Grants Approved Prior to 10/1/15 with no Reported Payments

Grant#	<u>Approved</u>	ARC funds	End date	
AL-18288	4/17/2015	\$314,356.00	12/31/2016	1/
CO-18237	8/17/2015	\$47,259.00	12/31/2017	
GA-17862	9/24/2014	\$158,000.00	8/31/2016	1/ 2/
KY-16798 C-4	9/21/2015	\$350,000.00		
KY-18260	8/26/2015	\$500,000.00	11/30/2017	
NC-18030	12/3/2014	\$23,140.00	6/30/2017	1/
NY-18180	7/6/2015	\$143,457.00	1/31/2018	
NY-18181	8/12/2015	\$150,000.00	6/30/2018	
OH-18198	9/4/2015	\$175,000.00	8/31/2016	1/
PA-17930	8/26/2015	\$75,000.00	7/31/2017	1/
PA-18169	9/12/2015	\$91,250.00	2/28/2017	1/
TN-18215	8/12/2015	\$88,000.00	9/30/2017	1/
TN-18226	9/29/2015	\$500,000.00		
<u>13</u>		\$2,615,462.00		

1/Expired end dates as of 9/30/17 -

2/In prior report

Open ARC Administered Grants with Smaller Balances

				Last Payment
Grant#	<u>Approved</u>	ARC funds	Balance	date
CO-18323	9/25/2015	\$75,000.00	\$5,782.00	2/8/2017
CO-18360	1/19/2016	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	3/1/2016
CO-18503	6/15/2016	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	7/12/2016
CO-18742	11/17/2016	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	1/30/2017
MD-18256	8/27/2015	\$8,825.00	\$1,784.00	10/20/2016
PA-8888	9/29/1983	\$100,000.00	\$1.00	3/26/1987
MD-18676	9/29/2016	\$5,550.00	\$555.00	7/20/2017
PA-17929	8/14/2014	\$60,000.00	\$6,000.00	11/30/2015
VA-17674	9/26/2013	\$32,000.00	\$7,259.00	8/11/2016
WV-14486 C-3	9/30/2014	\$64,536.00	\$3,295.00	5/30/2017
<u>10</u>			\$30,176.00	

State Administered Grants Approved Prior to 10/1/15 and no Payments

<u>Grant #</u> AL-17894 AL-18096 AL-18099	Approved 6/19/2015 6/19/2015 8/27/2015	ARC funds \$300,000.00 \$200,000.00 \$100,000.00	End date 6/1/2018 4/30/2018 8/1/2018	BAMR comments No Comments Construction delays No Comments	
AL-18151 AL-18195	9/3/2015 8/12/2015	\$58,344.00 \$200,000.00	9/1/2017	ER - No other comments	1/
AL-18265	9/16/2015	\$131,890.00	2/28/2018 12/31/2017	Need final plans Design - no further comments	
AL-18330	9/30/2015	\$1,696,385.00	9/30/2018	No activity or comment	
GA-17588	8/1/2013	\$200,000.00	12/29/2017	No activity or comment	2/
GA-17898	9/10/2014	\$150,000.00	10/1/2017	No activity or comment	2/
GA-18236	9/29/2015	\$200,000.00	6/30/2018	No BAMR	·
NC-18021	8/12/2015	\$273,000.00	6/30/2017	No BAMR	
NC-18024	9/10/2015	\$300,000.00	9/30/2019	No BAMR	
NC-18328	9/24/2015	\$278,640.00	9/30/2018	No BAMR	
OH-17681	9/17/2013	\$250,000.00	5/31/2018	Construction started	
OH-17750	2/28/2014	\$100,000.00	7/20/2018	No activity -changed date	2/
OH-18144	6/29/2015	\$175,000.00	2/28/2019	No activity - revised schedule	
OH-18209	8/12/2015	\$250,000.00	7/1/2018	No activity or comment	
SC-17827	8/7/2014	\$60,000.00	5/31/2017	Requested cancellation	1/
SC-17831	9/19/2014	\$66,130.00	9/30/2017	Bids to high - re-desgin	1/
SC-18117	6/16/2015	\$250,732.00	8/24/2017	Out to bid	
TN-18220	7/30/2015	\$500,000.00	7/30/2018	No activity	1/
TN-18263	9/25/2015	\$259,000.00	9/30/2015	No activity	1/
<u>VA-18190</u>	9/3/2015	\$362,791.00	6/1/2018	Property acquistion delays	
<u>23</u>		\$6,361,912.00			

^{1/}Expired end dates as of 9/30/17

^{2/}In prior report

Open State Administered Grants with Smaller Balances

Grant # AL-18078 AL-18316 GA-18010 MS-18165 MS-18203 MS-18228 OH-16799 OH-17425 OH-17488 OH-17731	Approved 6/19/2015 9/24/2015 9/30/2014 6/29/2015 8/12/2015 8/18/2015 9/8/2010 9/26/2012 3/26/2013 11/15/2013	ARC funds \$23,360.00 \$200,000.00 \$3,750.00 \$257,200.00 \$100,000.00 \$449,940.00 \$169,625.00 \$250,000.00 \$237,300.00 \$250,000.00	Balance \$1,155.00 \$5,000.00 \$280.55 \$12,425.26 \$1,360.84 \$1,211.52 \$16,963.00 \$25,000.00 \$23,730.00 \$18,481.00	Last payment date 6/27/2016 7/6/2017 8/11/2017 6/20/2017 6/20/2017 10/21/2011 2/22/2013 5/28/2013 5/25/2016	1/1/
TN-17845 <u>11</u>	3/2/2015	\$500,000.00	\$530.00 \$106,137.17	4/20/2017	1/

1/Expired end date