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Why OIG Did This Review

The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. No. 113-235), provided \$2.7 billion in emergency funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for Ebola response and preparedness activities. The Act designated about \$1.8 billion of this amount to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Of this amount, \$597 million was to be used through FY 2019 to implement the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSAs).

The United States pledged assistance to 31 selected GHSAs countries (Presidential Executive Order 13747, dated November 4, 2016). CDC awards GHSAs grants to both foreign and U.S.-based organizations working abroad in GHSAs countries. In 2015 and 2016, CDC awarded approximately 45 percent of all GHSAs grant funds to U.S.-based organizations. We selected the Association for Public Health Laboratories (APHL) for review on the basis of the substantial award it received from CDC.

Our objective was to determine whether APHL managed its GHSAs award and expended funds in accordance with Federal requirements.

How OIG Did This Review

Our audit covered the budget period from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. We reviewed documentation supporting the award, to include all progress and financial reports.

The Association for Public Health Laboratories Managed Global Health Security Agenda Funds in Accordance With Federal Requirements

What OIG Found

APHL managed GHSAs funds in accordance with Federal requirements. However, we could not test GHSAs expenditures at APHL because of the nature of the award. CDC awarded GHSAs funding to APHL as a supplement to an existing grant. APHL received a sole-source supplemental award from CDC for GHSAs funds based upon its expertise in the public health laboratory arena, both domestically and internationally. APHL's existing grant with CDC focused on global health work. Therefore, when GHSAs funding became available, CDC used the existing grant to fund APHL.

Because the GHSAs funds were a supplement to an existing award, APHL was not legally required to report its progress on GHSAs activities separately from the existing grant. However, APHL identified accomplishments and challenges specifically related to its GHSAs activities.

What OIG Recommends

We are making no recommendations.