

**OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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& VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*FRAUD AND ABUSE WHISTLE BLOWER FUND*

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The Honorable Ralph S. Northam  
Governor of Virginia  
Patrick Henry Building, Third Floor  
1111 East Broad St.  
Richmond, VA 23219

Members of the Virginia General Assembly  
Pocahontas Building  
900 E. Main St.  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Northam and Members of the Virginia General Assembly:

Pursuant to *Code of Virginia* (Code) § [2.2-3014](#), the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) is submitting its fiscal year 2020 summary of Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund activities.

***Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act Program***

The Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund is solely used to provide monetary rewards to Commonwealth of Virginia citizens and state government employees who have disclosed information of wrongdoing or abuse under the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act (WBPA) for a disclosure that results in a recovery of at least \$5,000. The amount of the reward shall be up to 10 percent of the actual sums recovered by the Commonwealth as a result of the disclosure of the wrongdoing or abuse. Regardless of the sums recovered, at no time shall the amount of any reward, even if less than 10 percent, exceed the balance of the Fund.

OSIG assumed responsibility for administering the fund effective July 1, 2012. Commonwealth citizens and state government employees are encouraged to report instances of wrongdoing or abuse by state and non-state agencies without fear of discrimination or reprisal per Code § [2.2-3009](#) et seq.

Whistle Blower Reward Fund FY 2020 Operations	
WBPA incidents reported to OSIG	1
Fund claims made to OSIG	1

Whistle Blower Reward Fund FY 2020 Financial Activity	
Fund balance: July 1, 2019	\$0.00
Fund deposits: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020	\$0.00
Fund withdrawals: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020	\$0.00
Fund balance: June 30, 2020	\$0.00

***The Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act Manual***

Policies and procedures for proper administration of the Fund, including eligibility requirements and rules for filing claims, are published and available on OSIG's [website](#).

***WBPA Regulation***

The WBPA now has a regulation to comply with Code of Virginia §[2.2-3014](#): Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund. The regulation, [1 VAC 42-30](#) Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund, defines the Fund and its administration by OSIG, including eligibility requirements, amount, distribution, process for leftover monies at the end of the fiscal year and the Fund's establishment on the books of the Comptroller.

Please contact me at 804-625-3255 or [michael.westfall@osig.virginia.gov](mailto:michael.westfall@osig.virginia.gov) with any questions. I am also available to meet with you to discuss this report or any aspects of this office at your convenience.

Respectfully,

10/2/2020

**X** Michael C. Westfall

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cc: Clark Mercer, Chief of Staff for Governor Northam  
 Division of Legislative Automated Systems [§ 30-34.15](#).