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DOJ Awards OSIG Inaugural Accreditation Grant

The U.S Department of Justice has awarded the Office of the State Inspector General a nearly \$38,000 grant to be used to further OSIG’s pursuit in obtaining state and federal accreditation. The funds will allow OSIG to pay for costs associated with the accreditation process. This is the first grant awarded to OSIG since the office was created in 2012.

The DOJ’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services’ [Community Policing Development](#) program allocates the funds.

“We are excited and grateful for the Community Policing Development program awarding funds needed to pursue OSIG’s Accreditation Project, as well as to enhance OSIG’s office procedures and strengthen community engagement,” said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall.

OSIG is in the multiyear process of obtaining accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

“OSIG is committed to meeting and maintaining accreditation standards, enhancing officer engagement with citizens of the Commonwealth and state employees, and boosting investigations of fraud, waste and abuse at executive branch agencies,” said OSIG Chief of Investigations Katrina Goodman.

CPD awards funds to agencies to develop and implement creative ideas for problem solving and community engagement, and to achieve compliance with national standards in all aspects of law enforcement practices, policies, procedures and operations.

Find more information about CPD funds in DOJ’s [news release](#).

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Established in 2012, the Virginia Office of the State Inspector General manages the State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline; conducts investigations and performance audits of state agencies; provides training and standards for the commonwealth’s internal audit programs; and conducts inspections and reviews of Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services-run facilities and programs.