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Audit Update: New procedure reflects lessons learned from pandemic grants

News Article



This is a one-year follow-up to our 2021 report, "Prosper Portland Emergency Grants: Standards needed to ensure program integrity."

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Prosper Portland's Small Business Relief Fund provided a lifeline during the early days of the pandemic. Our audit found staff successfully delivered dollars to struggling businesses, but in haste, short-changed program integrity.

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One recommendation implemented



- **New procedure reflects lessons-learned**

We recommended that Prosper Portland use lessons-learned from the emergency grant program to create procedures that will ensure staff follow program standards when implementing grant programs. Prosper adopted a new grant program management procedure that includes director approval of program guidelines and deviations from them. The procedure also requires periodic analysis of the demographics of grant recipients to ensure the intent of awards are met.

View the [2021 audit report and recommendations](#).

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