



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**OFFICE OF THE  
 AUDITOR GENERAL**

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

**SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST**

**INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CENTER #4**  
**SOUTH COOK**

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Release Date: February 11, 2026

For the Year Ended: June 30, 2025

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1				AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS			
				Repeated Since	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
	<u>New</u>	<u>Repeat</u>	<u>Total</u>	2024			25-1
Category 1:	0	0	0				
Category 2:	0	0	0				
Category 3:	0	1	1				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 2							

**SYNOPSIS**

- (25-1) The Intermediate Service Center #4 had inadequate controls over grant compliance.

**Category 1:** Findings that are **material weaknesses** in internal control and/or a **qualification** on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).  
**Category 2:** Findings that are **significant deficiencies** in internal control and/or **noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.  
**Category 3:** Findings that have **no internal control issues but are in noncompliance** with federal and/or State laws and regulations.

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**FINANCIAL AUDIT**  
**For The Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	\$12,126,913	\$9,467,283
Local Sources	\$5,071,768	\$3,685,755
% of Total Revenues	41.82%	38.93%
State Sources	\$6,626,394	\$4,998,270
% of Total Revenues	54.64%	52.80%
Federal Sources	\$428,751	\$783,258
% of Total Revenues	3.54%	8.27%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$9,855,547	\$8,111,620
Salaries and Benefits	\$6,808,627	\$5,522,735
% of Total Expenditures	69.08%	68.08%
Purchased Services	\$1,784,459	\$1,596,375
% of Total Expenditures	18.11%	19.68%
All Other Expenditures	\$1,262,461	\$992,510
% of Total Expenditures	12.81%	12.24%
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	\$9,232,353	\$6,960,987
<b>INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	\$0	\$0
Percentages may not add due to rounding.		

**REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT**

During Audit Period: Dr. Anthony Marinello  
Currently: Dr. Anthony Marinello

## FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### CONTROLS OVER GRANT COMPLIANCE

**The Intermediate Service Center #4 had inadequate controls over grant compliance.**

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 (ISC) had inadequate controls over grant compliance to ensure all grant reports during the fiscal year were timely reported. During testing of the ISC's compliance with the grant requirements, auditors noted the following:

For Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants-

- One of 1 (100%) semi-annual performance report was submitted 72 days late.

For McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth-

- The ISC was unable to provide proof of submission for three of 4 (75%) quarterly expenditure reports and the GATA reports; therefore, auditors were unable to determine if the required reports were submitted timely at all.

The grant award agreement between the U.S. Department of Justice and the ISC requires the ISC to complete and submit federal financial reports quarterly and progress reports semi-annually. The quarterly financial reports are due 30 calendar days after the end of the reporting quarter while the semi-annual progress reports are due 30 calendar days after the reporting semi-annual period.

Additionally, the grant award agreement between the Regional Office of Education No. 56 and the ISC requires the ISC to submit quarterly expenditure and Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) reports. These reports will be submitted no later than 10 days after the end of each quarter.

Finally, the Code of Federal Regulations (Code) (2 CFR. §200.303 (a)) requires the ISC to establish and maintain effective internal control over the federal award to provide reasonable assurance the ISC is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. Effective internal controls should include procedures to ensure compliance with grant requirements.

Intermediate Service Center management indicated that the required performance report was not submitted timely due to a system error and the proof of submission was not maintained due to oversight. (Finding 2025-001, pages 10-11)

The auditors recommended the ISC implement procedures to ensure adherence to the grant reporting requirements.

**ISC Response:** *The ISC agrees with the finding. Management has addressed the issue from the Human Resource department and is in the process of developing more formal and comprehensive grant monitoring procedures that will include a checklist for all the necessary reporting and compliance requirements. Specifically for the Mc-Kinney Vento grant, a full-time assistant dedicated to the position required to complete the reporting, as well as a part time grant manager will serve as a key member of a three-layered process to ensure grants are submitted in a timely manner. Additionally, for the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants, the ISC Grant Manager, Executive Director, and Bookkeeper have developed a calendar to ensure access to the system to submit reports as open and operational at a time well in advance of the required reporting date.*

#### **AUDITORS' OPINION**

Our auditors state the Intermediate Service Center #4's financial statements as of June 30, 2025 are fairly presented in all material respects.

This financial audit was conducted by the firm of Roth & Company, LLP.

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TRICIA WAGNER  
Division Director

This report is transmitted in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

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