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Subject: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Bank Account Reconciliation,  
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#21-48

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The Office of the County Auditor has completed an internal audit of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) bank account. Audit procedures were performed to review the internal controls and transactions as well as independently recreate the reconciliation performed by the Finance Department for the bank statement as of February 28, 2021.

## **Results**

Internal audit procedures determined that the reconciliation was performed by a Finance Department staff member who does not have disbursement or deposit responsibilities with respect to this account. The reconciliation was acknowledged by the initials and dates of the staff members performing the reconciliation, reviewing the reconciliation, and approving the reconciliation. Account activity for the month include two checks issued for a total of \$1,000.

## **Objective**

The County Auditor will perform a series of internal audit procedures designed to evaluate the internal controls over certain bank accounts outside the control of the County Treasurer. A review was performed to determine if the reconciliation of the WIOA account was timely and accurately performed.

## **Background / Internal Audit Scope**

A non-interest bearing checking account is maintained at Chase Bank to administer the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant. The Account is used to expedite incentive and bonus payments to participants in training programs overseen by the Workforce Development Division (WDD). Students receive payments determined by WDD based on attendance, completion of training programs, and 90-day job retention. The checks are prepared by the Finance Department and distributed by WDD at the training locations. The account is reimbursed with checks issued by DuPage County, requested periodically. These

payments do not require County Board approval when initially paid. The County's reimbursement of the expenditures is subject to Accounts Payable procedures and County Board approval. The account has an imprest balance of \$15,000.

This limited scope internal audit was designed to test if the bank reconciliation was performed on a timely basis and reviewed by an individual independent of deposit and disbursement activities. Procedures included verifying that disbursements were reasonable, and that deposits were made in a timely manner.

The procedures performed by the County Auditor were not designed, nor are intended, to provide a thorough assessment of the internal control risks associated with the processing of transactions in the WIOA account

### **Audit Findings and Recommendations**

The internal audit procedures indicated that the bank account is being reconciled in a timely manner by individuals without disbursement or deposit responsibilities.

An exception was reported in Audit Report #21-32 for January 2021, that a reimbursement deposit had not been recorded in the account register, resulting in an understatement at month-end of \$1,000. Subsequent to the Audit Report, the missing deposit transaction was recorded and the register ending balance as of February 28, 2021 is accurate.

No other exceptions were noted during the performance of the audit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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