

South Dakota Housing Development Authority
Policy & Procedure Regarding Fraud, Waste or Abuse

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) as recipient of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds, all subrecipients, or any person who becomes aware of any indication of fraud, waste, abuse, or potential criminal activity pertaining to ARRA funds, will immediately report such fraud and abuse to the appropriate agency.

SDHDA or any person who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste, or abuse of Section 1602 funds should immediately disclose this information to the U.S. Department of Treasury and the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Treasury.

SDHDA or any person who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste, or abuse of Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP) funds should immediately disclose this information to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Office of Inspector General for HUD.

SDHDA or any person who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste, or abuse of Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funds should immediately disclose this information to the U.S. Department of HUD and the Office of Inspector General for HUD.

Anyone becoming aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste, or abuse of any ARRA funds should also disclose such knowledge to at least one of the following parties:

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The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board:

Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board
Attention: Hotline Operators
PO Box 27545
Washington, DC 20038-7958
http://www.recovery.gov/Contact/ReportFraud/Pages/Report_Fraud.aspx

The Comptroller General of the United States
GAO FraudNet
441 G Street NW
Mail Stop 4T21
Washington, DC 20548
www.gao.gov/fraudnet/fraudnet.htm

Section 1553 of Division A, Title XV of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5 provides protections for certain individuals who make specific disclosures about uses of Recovery Act funds. These protections are provided to employees of non-federal employers receiving ARRA funds including, state and local governments, contractors, subcontractors, grantees, and professional membership organization acting in the interest of ARRA fund recipients. Affected person (Whistleblowers) who report are protected from being discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated again as a reprisal for making a protected disclosure.

To qualify for the above mentioned protection, the Whistleblower disclosure must involve information that the employee believes is evidence of one of the following:

- Gross mismanagement of ARRA contract or grant;
- Gross waste of ARRA funds;
- Substantial and specific danger to public health or safety as related to the use of ARRA funds;
- Abuse or authority related to the use of ARRA funds; or
- Violation of law, rule, or regulation related to an agency ARRA contract or grant.

Whistleblower reprisal complaints may be reported to The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board at <http://www.recovery.gov/Contact/ReportFraud/Pages/fwa.aspx>

Additionally, pursuant to ARRA, job sites are required to post signage of Whistleblower protections. The applicable signage can be found at:

http://www.recovery.gov/Contact/ReportFraud/Pages/Report_Fraud.aspx

ARRA offers protections for employees of the South Dakota Housing Development Authority, contractors, subcontractors, grantees, or professional membership organizations acting in the interest of SDHDA as an ARRA fund recipient. You cannot be discharged, demoted or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for making a protected disclosure.