
Audit Report

Franklin Avenue Playground Committee

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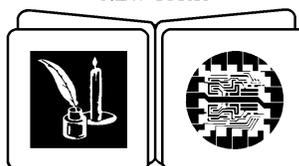
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Mr. Albert J. Celini
Financial Officer
Franklin Avenue Playground Committee
48 Franklin Avenue
Pearl River, NY 10965

Report Number EC-0398-8

Dear Mr. Celini:

We have performed a review of the legislative grant expenses and accomplishments reported by the Franklin Avenue Playground Committee (Committee) to the State Education Department (Department). This letter represents a report on the results of the review.

The Committee was formed in early 1996 to completely redesign, renovate and resurface the Franklin Avenue Elementary School playground. It expended almost \$37,000 during the period April 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997 in carrying out its activities. The New York State Legislature appropriated a \$5,000 grant to defray the cost of reconstruction of the playground. The Committee entered into a contract with the Department specifying the funds would be used to purchase equipment for the playground.

The purpose of the review was: to verify entitlement to the grant funds received by the Committee, to verify the accuracy and propriety of the financial information reported to the Department, and to determine if the activities and goals specified in the contract were accomplished. We reviewed practices, records and documentation supporting the Final Expenditure Report that the Committee submitted covering the period April 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997. The review concentrated on the \$5,000 in reported grant expenses and the accomplishments of the grants, and did not assess the Committee's overall operations or the adequacy of internal controls.

The review determined the Committee is entitled to the full \$5,000 it received. The Committee accomplished the activities specified in the contract. Grant funds were used to purchase equipment for the playground. Students from the Franklin Avenue Elementary School, as well as, children from the surrounding area utilize the playground. This report concludes the review process and no further action is recommended.

I appreciate the cooperation and courtesies extended to our staff during this review.

Sincerely,

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Director

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Franklin Avenue Playground Committee
Legislative Grant Expenses
Contract Number T-960483
April 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997

Expenses

Category	Claimed	Questioned	Approved
Equipment	\$5,000	0	\$5,000