About the PRAC

The Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) oversees pandemic relief spending and coordinates oversight among our member Inspectors General.

Established by the CARES Act in 2020, the PRAC promotes transparency by reporting accessible and comprehensive spending data; collaborates across the oversight community to identify cross-cutting issues and risks; and detects fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement of relief spending to hold wrongdoers accountable.

Through our diverse and innovative staff, the PRAC is building both a model and a legacy for oversight.

Our work generates results.

Our **staff coordinates with a community of auditors and investigators** from 40+ Offices of Inspector General.

We pursue **data-generated leads** and tips from the public to investigate small business loan fraud cases.

Our website **PandemicOversight.gov** makes pandemic relief spending easy to follow with interactive tools, resources, data stories, and more.

As of January 2023, the PRAC and its member OIGs have issued **536 reports with 1,103 recommendations and over $87.5 billion in total monetary findings**.

As of December 2022, DOJ has reported criminal charges against **over 1,800 defendants and the seizure of over $1.2 billion in relief funds.**

We're in daily contact with federal OIGs, state and local OIGs, and the Government Accountability Office to **assess whether funding is going where it is supposed to go**.

Our reports provide lasting insights.

In January 2023, we issued a Fraud Alert identifying the use of more than 69,000 questionable Social Security Numbers to obtain $5.4 billion in pandemic relief loans and grants.

In June 2022, we updated our *Lessons Learned* report, which gives policymakers 10 brief lessons to fine-tune this relief effort—and inform future ones.

Our initiatives

Our **Data Analytics Center of Excellence** delivers analytic, audit, and investigative support to the oversight community and access to public and non-public datasets with 992 million records.

The Center of Excellence works in collaboration with the **PRAC Fraud Task Force,** helping OIGs and law enforcement pursue data-driven investigations related to pandemic relief fraud.

Learn more about us at PandemicOversight.gov

What's next for the PRAC?

We will continue to work closely with Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, the Administration, and agencies, alerting them to **lessons learned** and **providing insights to inform decision-making.** In the year ahead, the PRAC will:

Continue robust oversight. The PRAC and our member OIGs are currently working on more than 198 pandemic oversight projects, focusing on public health and safety, and preventing and detecting fraud in government programs.

Fight fraud. The PRAC Fraud Task Force now has more than 50 agents working across 15 agencies to pursue investigations into small business loan fraud.

Spotlight local data. PandemicOversight.gov has added new data dashboards as well as interactive maps, tools, and data stories on how state, local, and Tribal governments have spent relief funds.

Continue outreach and events. We will continue to gather stakeholder perspectives and recommendations through congressional events, listening posts, and public-facing events.

Provide a pipeline of technical talent. We've recruited top data science talent from universities across the country, placing Data Science Fellows among PRAC member OIGs to support analysis of pandemic data.

Overseeing **more than $5 trillion** in pandemic-related programs and spending is a big job.

Here's how it adds up...

$5+ Trillion

- **$2.1 trillion** from the CARES Act

- **$1.9 trillion** from the American Rescue Plan Act

- **$900 billion** from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

- **$15.4 billion** from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

- **$483 billion** from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

- **$7.8 billion** from the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act

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