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, holding wrongdoers accountable.

Through our diverse and innovative staff, the PRAC is building both a model and a legacy for oversight. This supports Inspectors General in the wake of this current crisis and in preparation for future ones.

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.

To date, the PRAC and its member OIGs have issued 364 reports and made 515 recommendations.

So far, IGs have made 1,233 indictments, 889 arrests, and 414 convictions.

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

Our reports cut through transparency challenges.

In an October 2021 report, Increasing Transparency into COVID-19 Spending, we found 15,400 pandemic relief awards worth $33 billion with meaningless descriptions.

And in December 2021, we issued Key Insights: State Pandemic Unemployment Insurance Programs, a report that details how states handled jobless benefits and potential fraud risks early in the pandemic.

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 150 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, 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 IGs are currently working on 202 pandemic oversight engagements, focusing on public health and safety, and preventing and detecting fraud in government programs.

**Fight fraud.** The PRAC Fraud Task Force now has 41 agents working across 12 agencies to pursue investigations into small business loan fraud.

**Spotlight local data.** PandemicOversight.gov is rolling out a new section with interactive maps, tools, and data stories on pandemic relief trends and findings in state, local, and Tribal governments.

**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 15 Data Science Fellows among PRAC member IGs to support watchdogs with 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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