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. 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.

As of July 2022, the PRAC and its member OIGs have issued 436 reports with 794 recommendations and over $57.1 billion in total monetary findings.

As of July 2022, IGs have made more than 1,200 indictments and arrests, and over 450 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 go.

Our reports provide lasting insights.

In January 2022, we found that although the Small Business Administration added more fraud controls to the Paycheck Protection Program in 2021, the same schemes continued.

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 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, 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 IGs are currently working on more than 230 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 40 agents working across 14 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 20 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...

- **$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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