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OIG Conducts Oversight Audit of Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report, [*Performance Audit Purchasing Card Usage and Related Travel Expenses*](#), OIG Publication # 23-11, detailing the results of an OIG performance audit of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) pursuant to the OIG’s mandate to conduct reviews of the internal accounting processes and controls used by each department and principal office in the County’s Executive Branch.

OIR is responsible for representing County interests at the regional, State, and Federal levels and serves as the County’s liaison with State and Congressional delegations. OIR’s budget is approximately \$1.1 million annually; approximately \$950,000 is dedicated to personnel costs and approximately \$159,000 to operating expenses. During the scope of the audit, OIR spent approximately \$34,411 in operating funds through the use of purchasing cards (P-Cards). The OIG evaluated all 127 P-Card transactions that occurred during this period for potential instances of fraud, and impropriety and sampled approximately 30% of transactions to evaluate compliance with County policies.

The OIG found that OIR made two P-Card purchases that were subsequently processed as reimbursements to an employee, resulting in duplicate payments. The OIG recommended that OIR recoup the duplicate payment from the employee. The County’s Chief Administrative Officer concurred with the OIG’s recommendation and provided evidence that the money had been repaid. The report also presents an opportunity for the County to reevaluate outdated travel expenses policies noted during the audit.

OIG audits are conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS) which provide the framework for performing high-quality audits that reflect competence, integrity, objectivity, and independence.

The full report can be found at the following location,
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OIG/Resources/Files/PDF/IGActivity/FY2023/OIG23-11.pdf>

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