Audit of Community Service Grants awarded to Illinois Public Media, Urbana, Illinois for the Period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

What We Found

The station over and understated NFFS in fiscal year (FY) 2017 with a net overstatement of $1,006,785 and a resulting Community Service Grant (CSG) overpayment of $67,575 in FY 2019 because it:

- overstated indirect administrative support by incorrectly calculating (a) institutional and physical plant support costs, (b) net assignable square footage, and (c) institutional support rate;
- lacked documentation for the allocation of revenues between TV and Radio;
- included the purchase of TV equipment in appropriation revenues;
- included unallowable NFFS related to vinyl record sales and special fundraising revenues that were not offset by expenditures; and
- understated the exclusion for high-end premiums.

In addition, we found noncompliance with the discrete accounting requirements for restricted radio revenues and expenditures.

The station agreed to take corrective actions on our recommendations to ensure future compliance.

CPB management will make the final determination on our findings and recommendations.

What We Recommend

That CPB:

- recover the CSG overpayment of $67,575;
- require WILL-TV/FM to identify the corrective actions and controls it will implement to ensure future compliance with NFFS reporting requirements; and
- verify during the audit resolution process that WILL-TV/FM properly identified its restricted radio revenues and expenditures accounting codes in its FY 2019 grant application.