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Dear Ms. Dean:

Congratulations on receiving an audit with minimal discrepancies! This audit was extensive, covering five subject areas, and we applaud WUOT management’s commitment to compliance, which made this happen.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting’s (CPB) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audited not just WUOT, but nine other stations that received the Community Service Grants (CSG) referenced above. We are also pleased to highlight the fact that the OIG found that all ten stations properly spent CPB restricted funds on national programming and related activities and generally complied with the Act, transparency, and discrete accounting requirements, with some exceptions.

The audit objectives were to determine whether selected grantees: (a) spent CPB restricted funds on national programming; (b) discretely accounted for CPB revenues and expenditures in their accounting systems; (c) complied with the Communications Act (Act) requirements for open meetings, open financial records, Community Advisory Board (CAB), equal employment opportunity reporting, and donor list and political activities prohibitions; and (d) complied with website transparency grant requirements.

The OIG did note in its audit findings that WUOT failed to include instructions on its website that explain how the general public may obtain a copy of its annual financial reports (AFR), pursuant to the General Provisions. However, we are currently reviewing this requirement and others within the General Provisions and anticipate removing it. Accordingly, issuing a compliance finding for this issue is unwarranted in CPB’s opinion, and we consider this matter resolved and closed.
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We appreciate the work WUOT does to support public media. Well done!

Kind regards,  

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