



OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR

Public Audit Office Awarded \$196,000

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The Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) announced the award of \$196,000 in direct U.S. grants. The grants are provided by the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) under the Technical Assistance Program (TAP). Since obtaining its first direct grant in September 2011, OPA has received almost \$470,000 in funding, which includes both U.S. assistance and Australian Aid. The \$196,000 includes a 12 month extension of the 2011 award covering the salary of the current Acting Public Auditor, which is set to expire at the end of this month.

TAP grants are discretionary and are in addition to Compact funding. Application for funding is made through submission of formal written proposals. There is some competition for these funds among the eligible insular areas and funding decisions are guided by OIA's mission and DOI's strategic plan.

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