

Integrity Monitor Report Categories 1 and 2

Integrity Monitor Firm Name: Vander Weele Group/Joseph A. DeLuca Advisory & Consulting Services, LLC.
Integrity Monitor Category (1 or 2): 1 and 2
Quarter Ending: 06/31/2022
Expected Engagement End Date: 02/07/2023

A. General Information

1. Recovery Program Participant:

NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation

2. Federal Funding Source (e.g. CARES, HUD, FEMA, ARPA):

American Rescue Plan Act

3. State Funding Source (if applicable):

N/A

4. Deadline for Use of State or Federal Funding by Recovery Program Participant:

December 31, 2026

5. Accountability Officer:

Elizabeth Mackay

6. Program(s) under Review/Subject to Engagement:

Development of Subrecipient Monitoring Plan

7. Brief Description, Purpose, and Rationale of Integrity Monitor Project/Program:

Purpose is to create a Subrecipient Monitoring Plan that DRM can use to ensure subrecipients comply with the ARPA and implementing regulations and provide assistance to subrecipients in identifying metrics for success. Accompanied by training.

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8. Amount Allocated to Program(s) under Review/Subject to Engagement:

Subrecipient Monitoring Plan covers \$6.4 billion in State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to the State of New Jersey.

9. Amount Expended by Recovery Program Participant to Date on Program(s) under Review/Subject to Engagement:

As of date of engagement, approximately half of the \$6.4 billion had been allocated.

10. Amount Provided to Other State or Local Entities:

N/A

11. Completion Status of Program (e.g. planning phase, application review, post-payment):

Post payment and application review

12. Completion Status of Integrity Monitor Engagement:

In process

B. Monitoring Activities

13. Description of the services provided to the Recovery Program Participant during the quarter (i.e. activities conducted, such as meetings, document review, staff training, etc.):

a) IM Response

Conducted kickoff meeting. Refined work plan. Conducted review of program documents. Developed draft comparative subrecipient risk assessment methodology. Reviewed initial compliance matrix.
Developed training plan.

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

Vander Weele has held extensive discussions with DRM to help develop a Monitoring Plan for DRM to test subrecipients and direct beneficiaries for ARP compliance. The initial stages of that Monitoring Plan have been worked out and the parties are finalizing details for implementation.

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I 4. Description of activities to prevent, detect, and remediate waste, fraud, and/or abuse during the quarter:

a) IM Response

Developed risk assessment methodology and non-profit self assessment.

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

DRM is working with Vander Weele to finalize the product for implementation.

I 5. General description of any findings of waste, fraud, or abuse:

a) IM Response

None

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

N/A – Vander Weele is not monitoring DRM, but rather, preparing DRM to conduct its own monitoring of the grants it administers.

C. Miscellaneous

I 6. List of hours (by employee) and expenses incurred to perform quarterly integrity monitoring review:

a) IM Response

Maribeth Vander Weele, 67.05; Kathleen Budrean, 14.80; Kristen Mokofisi, 20.75; Linda Ressler, 36.95; Gwendolyn Boston, 14.05; Joseph DeLuca, 19.25; Steven Pasichow, 27.00; Kevin Mullins, 25.

b) Recovery Program Participant Comments

DRM is impressed with the caliber of the expertise the Vander Weele has brought to this engagement. Maribeth has been more “hands on” than originally anticipated, which DRM values as part of laying the solid foundation. The parties have submitted a no-cost amendment to reallocate the hours.

Name of Integrity Monitor: Vander Weele Group / Joseph A. DeLuca Advisory & Consulting Services, LLC

Name of Report Preparer: Maribeth Vander Weele

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Signature:

Maribeth Vander Weele

Date:

7/1/2022