

Transcript: "A Message from the Inspector General: Report on DOJ Grants Awarded to Cleveland, Ohio, for the 2016 Republican National Convention" February 2018

Hello, I'm Michael Horowitz, Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Today, our office released a report assessing a \$49 million Justice Department grant awarded to the city of Cleveland, Ohio, for the 2016 Republican National Convention. The purpose of the grant was to provide security to convention delegates, visitors, and the residents of Cleveland. We've conducted similar audits of convention grants made to various cities since 2004.

In today's report, we found that Cleveland generally managed its grant appropriately. Our report does not identify any concerns about Cleveland's financial management of the grant, the expenditures it made with the money, or the accuracy of its federal financial reports. We did make one recommendation to help ensure that the vehicles Cleveland purchased with grant funds were properly identified in Cleveland's inventory system, and Cleveland has already taken appropriate corrective action.

My office is also conducting a separate audit of a corresponding Justice Department grant awarded for the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. Because that grant has been paid out on a different time table, we will report on the findings of that audit at a later date.

To learn more about today's report, please visit our website, oig.justice.gov, where you can read the full report. Thank you for joining us.