From: Shaw, Barbara
To: Weems, Malcolm; Irving, Toni
Cc: Ocasio, Billy
Subject: RE: Logan Square
Date: Friday, April 15, 2011 12:07:39 PM

Unhappy with the grantee we approved for the grant; had many negative things to say and wanted me to rescind the grant. This organization is also the NRI lead agency and is one of the star grantees and submitted the stronger proposal (by 9 points) of the two applicants for the Safety Net Works grant. They have very strong support in the community from, including Senator Iris Martinez, Rep tony Berrios, etc. My understanding is that the YMCA (the other applicant, which , by the way was awarded the SNW grant for Humboldt Park) is a favorite of Rep Delgado and complained to him that they did not get both awards.

The concerns Senator Delgado raised were all over the place(and expressed in very harsh, emotional terms) but included a statement about co-mingling federal and state funds, which the organization absolutely denies. They say they have perfect federal and organizational audits and offered to provide them to IVPA. We did follow all procedures in awarding the grant, but I think it would be a good idea to review these audits so that we can say we looked into his fiscal concern before executing the grant contract. Lindsay thought that would be good, too.

Are you okay with us moving forward in this manner?

From: Weems, Malcolm
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 11:00 AM
To: Shaw, Barbara; Irving, Toni
Cc: Ocasio, Billy
Subject: Re: Logan Square

Raged? What's his issue?

From: Shaw, Barbara
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 10:48 AM
To: Irving, Toni
Cc: Weems, Malcolm; Ocasio, Billy
Subject: Logan Square

Hi, Toni. Senator Delgado called me and raged about a recent decision we made to fund an organization to be the Safety Net Works Lead Agency in Logan Square. I let Lindsay Anderson know in case she gets a call from him, but also wanted to talk with you when you have a minute. I'm in the office all day (312) 814—1514 and can also be reached on my cell [redacted]

Thanks,
Barbara