

November 28, 2016

Chief Robert White
Town of Springfield
PO Box 31
Springfield, SC 29146

Dear Chief White:

This letter is to officially notify the Town of Springfield that one or more error(s) noted in the completed attached 90 Day Follow-up Audit report were not corrected as of November 28, 2016. As stated in Proviso 117.51, if an entity receiving victim assistance funding fails to rectify an error identified in an audit report within ninety days, the State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA) shall assess against and collect from the entity a penalty in the amount of the unauthorized expenditure plus \$1,500. Because the errors noted in the attached audit were not corrected, the Town of Springfield is considered non-compliant and such a penalty has therefore been assessed against it.

The Town of Springfield has 30 days from the receipt of this letter to submit a payment in the amount of **\$34,628.47** (\$33,128.47 for unallowable and improper expenditures plus \$1,500 penalty) to SOVA to be credited to the General Fund of the State. Please note that Proviso 117.51 also provides that, if the penalty is not received by SOVA within thirty days of notification, the governing body for the entity's political subdivision is to deduct the amount of the penalty and funds owed from the entity's subsequent fiscal year appropriation. SOVA will accordingly notify the State Treasurer's Office of this issue.

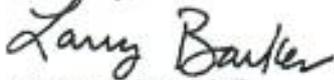
Please note, this audit process is complete. Therefore, no further information or documentation may be submitted for review and or consideration regarding the reimbursement and assessed penalty. The Town of Springfield has 5 business days from the date listed on this letter and attached report to provide a written response to the SOVA Director: Larry Barker, Ph.D., 1205 Pendleton St., Room 401, Columbia, SC 29201.



However, at the end of the five day response period, this report and all post-audit responses will become public information on the State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA) website: www.sova.sc.gov.

The funds are expected to be paid within 30 days of the date of this letter which will be December 28, 2016 to SOVA. The funds will then be credited by SOVA to the General Fund of the State. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (803)734-1900.

Sincerely,



Larry Barker, Ph.D.
Director

CC: Edward Furtick, Mayor
Sandra Sims, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Curtis M. Loftis Jr., State Treasurer of South Carolina

