

Edit Referral

H-22-152 Referral Information

Hotline ID: H-22-152

Date of Submission: 5/2/2022

Entity Type: Local

Entity Category Type: City/Town

Entity: Lind, Town of

Sub Entity Name:

Category: Accounting/Financial Reporting

1-2 sentence description of concern: Mayor Paula Bell took the Covid funds and put them in the water fund. She did not share them with any business or resident. She has subsequently sent many residents to collections without giving them the opportunity to share the funds

Report Issued: No

Reporting Type: FYI to Team

Report Number:

Investigation Contracted: No

Contract Number:

Contract Name:

Billing Time Code:

Costs:

Public Records Request: No

Flag For Annual Report: No

Substantiated: No

ARRA: No

Action: Referred to Audit Team - Consider Next Audit

Audit Team: Tri-Cities

Audit Team Contact: waltmang@sao.wa.gov

cc:

Referral Date: 5/2/2022

Action Taken: No

Response Date:

Report Date:

Follow Up Date:

Date Closed: 5/23/2022

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H-22-152 Contact Information

Hotline ID: H-22-152

Date of Submission: 5/2/2022

Submission Method: Web

Submission Type: Citizen

Staff:

Author(Last, First): Snead , Denise

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City: Lind

State: WA **Zip:** 99341

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone: 509-230-4832

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Can Contact: Yes

Contact Preference: Email

Anonymous: No

Waived Confidentiality: Yes

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What state or local organization is involved?

Please identify the specific concerns you are hoping the audit will address.

Mayor Paula Bell took the Covid funds and put them in the water fund. She did not share them with any business or resident. She has subsequently sent many residents to collections without giving them the opportunity to share the funds. PLEASE do an audit immediately.

Please provide a detailed description of the assertion or outstanding achievement, including who, when, where, what, how and how much.

Council meetings are on youtube under Lind Council Meeting. Each video has the appropriate council meeting date. 4/26/2022 has the covid money discussion at 2:30:42. You might look at their finance approval process at 1:15:33. It is very odd, using date ranges instead of check #'s.

How did this issue come to your attention?

Discussion with various residents.

**What employee(s), contractors, etc., were involved in the assertion or achievement?
Please include employee titles if possible.**

Mayor Bell supposedly did not discuss with council - just put covid funds in water fund and then appears to have told some residents how flush the water fund is under her management and won the election by 5 votes last November. Profited by misusing the funds and misleading the public.

Please provide the names of any witnesses to the assertion or achievement, if possible.

You tube video of council meeting shows residents in attendance that would be witnesses.

Please provide any additional details or comments that would help us understand your assertion or achievement.

I am the previous clerk/treasurer of Lind and then went to Odessa as clerk/treasurer for a few years. Clear /risk Solutions Insurance dropped Lind when Mayor Bell was elected 4 years ago because they are aware of how she handles things.

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Activity
Log
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Entry Date ▼	Log Entry
05/23/2022	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
05/17/2022	There are no expenditures for us to audit at this time. The Town has not spent it yet. We will put a note in our FAWF file to review these expenditures when we conduct the audit in the future if they are actually spent. --waltmang
05/16/2022	Spoke with citizen and explained the COVID funding received by the Town was an allocation to NEUs from OFM. The Town has not spent the funds yet, but we will place a note in our FAWF to consider reviewing those expenditures in the next regularly scheduled audit. --olearyd
05/02/2022	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
05/02/2022	Task assigned to 'waltmang@sao.wa.gov'. Team notification email sent to: waltmang@sao.wa.gov
05/02/2022	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'. Action changed from (not set) to Referred to Audit Team - Consider Next Audit.
05/02/2022	--olearyd
05/02/2022	Spoke with citizen. Concern is regarding COVID funding received from Adams County Development Council. Amount received was between \$120K and \$78K and was deposited to water fund. Citizen is concerned these funds were not used for an allowable use. --olearyd