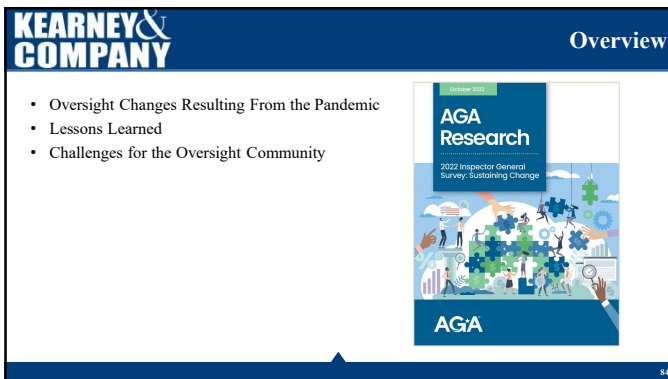




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Oversight of More Than \$5 Trillion in Pandemic Relief

March 6, 2020 – \$7.8 Billion
The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020
 The Act provided emergency funding to the Department of Health and Human Services, the State Department, and the Small Business Administration (SBA).

March 18, 2020 – \$15.4 Billion
The Families First Coronavirus Response Act
 The Act provided paid sick leave, tax credits and free COVID-19 testing, with also expanding food assistance programs and unemployment benefits.

March 27, 2020 – \$2.1 Trillion
The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act
 The Act created the PPP, provided tax relief to individuals, and provided relief to federal agencies.

\$5+ Trillion

\$483 Billion – April 24, 2021
Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act
 The Act added funds to PPP and other SBA programs.

\$900 Billion – Dec. 27, 2020
The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021
 This legislation extended federal unemployment benefits, provided direct payments to individuals, and started a second round of PPP loans.

\$1.9 Trillion – March 11, 2021
American Rescue Plan of 2021
 This legislation includes direct payments, unemployment benefits, and tax provisions, as well as support for small businesses and schools.

Source: PRAC

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Oversight Changes Resulting From the Pandemic

- Creating and funding of the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC)
- Collaboration across and between levels of Government
- Focus on data and risk assessment
- Agile oversight

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Lessons Learned

- “All or Nothing” is a false choice
- Self-certification of eligibility
- Increased risk levels hit three programs the hardest
- Program effectiveness

“Riverside County Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Criminal Charges for Fraudulently Obtaining \$6.6 Million in COVID-Relief Business Loans”

“National Health Care Fraud Enforcement Action Results in Billions in Alleged Losses”

“Indictment Charges Former State Rep. \$3 Million, with Stealing West Haven’s COVID Relief Funds”

“Four Maryland Residents Facing Federal Indictment for CARES Act COVID-19 Unemployment Fraud Scheme, with More Than \$3 Million in Losses”

“Spartanburg Man Pleads Guilty to His Role in a CARES Act and Unemployment Insurance Fraud Scheme Involving Over 600 Victims and Caused a Loss of at Least \$2.7 Million”


“Sali Lake City Man Charged in \$1.8 Million CARES Act Loan Fraud Scheme”

“Former Clinton Manager for Insurance Agency Sentenced in COVID-19 Fraud Scheme”

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- Lesson #1: Self-certified information needs to be validated before payments are sent
- Lesson #2: Prioritize funding for underserved communities
- Lesson #3: Use existing Federal data sources to determine benefits eligibility
- Lesson #4: Recipients and administrators need timely and clear guidance to get benefits out efficiently and accurately
- Lesson #5: Recipients of relief funds should be fully disclosed to the public
- Lesson #6: Allocate funding based on need
- Lesson #7: New programs need more outreach to increase public awareness and participation
- Lesson #8: Watchdogs need access to data to find fraud
- Lesson #9: Collaboration is critical to oversee pandemic relief programs
- Lesson #10: Better reporting is needed to track pandemic relief spending




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KEARNEY & COMPANY Challenges for the Oversight Community

- Sharing and using data
- Sustaining change through preparedness and future crisis response

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“Pandemic Broke Down Some, But Not All Barriers for IGs”
Federal News Network

Executive Editor Jason Miller interviews AGA CEO Ann Ebberts and Kearney Senior Partner David Zavada about the IG Survey.

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/agency-oversight/2022/09/pandemic-broke-down-some-but-not-all-barriers-for-igs/>

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KEARNEY & COMPANY Audience Question

What is agile oversight?

- A. Traditional approach to conducting audits
- B. Results in a report issued months after an audit
- C. Must be conducted in accordance with GAGAS
- D. Is a proactive and early assessment of program risks

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KEARNEY & COMPANY Audience Question

What three pandemic relief programs experienced the highest levels of fraud (select 3)?

- A. Unemployment Insurance
- B. Paycheck Protection Program
- C. Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program
- D. State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- E. Provider Relief Fund
- F. HUD Housing Assistance Program

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KEARNEY & COMPANY Audience Question

What was the greatest challenge the IG and State auditors told us in responding to the IG Survey?

- A. Implementing agile oversight
- B. Intragovernmental collaboration
- C. Access to and using data for oversight

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KEARNEY & COMPANY Audience Question

Do you feel like your organization is better prepared to address a future crisis?

- A. Yes
- B. No

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