



Grants Oversight for the Utilities Sector



**Making
 Monitoring Meaningful**
 Providing Meaningful Monitoring™ for
 programs serving the public interest.

The Vander Weele Group provides turn-key oversight and compliance solutions for Federal, state, and local grant programs funding mega projects. In the energy sector—where many are first-time grantees of grid-hardening and clean energy funding—we also offer compliance expertise to ensure private energy companies are “grant compliance ready.” Building on a core multi-disciplinary team, we offer the right skill set to match any assignment, whether it be monitoring for grants compliance, internal controls, or government integrity and procurement standards.

Services Offered

- Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Solutions
- Fiscal Oversight and Risk Management
- Turn-Key Monitoring Programs
- Grants Program Assessment, Development, and Management
- Technical Assistance and Reporting

Our Story

- Founded in 2003 by Maribeth Vander Weele, author and former Inspector General.
- Created a division that monitored a more than \$3 billion construction program while serving as Inspector General of the Public Building Commission of Chicago.
- Provided broad monitoring and investigative services to corporate and public sector clients.
- In 2018, committed to a sole focus on oversight of Federally funded grant programs.

Sample Projects

- Engaged as an integrity monitor with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) to monitor \$180 million in grant funds designated to improve air quality and energy performance in schools and small businesses. We performed:
 - a risk assessment to assess how the NJBPU and program administrators have planned to manage risks in administering the School and Small Business Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Report (SSB-VEEVR) and the School and Small Business Noncompliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance (SSB-NPFA) programs,
 - a comparative risk assessment to determine and monitor selected districts to ensure all expenditures were allowable, properly documented, and aligned with applicable regulations.
- Designed a grants monitoring program and mapped grant business processes for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to manage \$6.2 billion in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants to 28 state agencies for 103 programs.
- Monitoring seven infrastructure projects totaling more than \$700 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds in New Jersey.
- For one of the infrastructure projects in New Jersey, monitoring \$300 million in water infrastructure loans designed to provide access to clean drinking water across New Jersey.