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Children of Veterans Tuition Grant Program (CVTG)

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Public Act 248 of 2005 established CVTG within the Department of Treasury. CVTG provides up to \$2,800 per academic year of undergraduate tuition assistance for eligible children of disabled or deceased Michigan veterans, with a lifetime maximum of \$11,200. For each of academic years 2016 and 2017, CVTG provided tuition assistance totaling \$1.1 million to 60 and 58 Michigan educational institutions, respectively, on behalf of approximately 450 students.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective: To assess the effectiveness of the Department of Treasury's administration of CVTG.			Moderately effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
The Department of Treasury's Student Scholarships and Grants Division (SSG) did not verify the student applicants' or their parents' residency, the students' criminal history, or the transfer students' cumulative grade point average and may have provided tuition assistance for ineligible students (Finding #1).		X	Agrees
SSG did not maintain sufficient documentation of its program reviews to support that educational institutions properly verified the students' compliance with legislative requirements and that the grant amount was proper (Finding #2).		X	Agrees
Observations Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
Opportunities exist to improve CVTG statutory veteran residency language and tuition assistance (Observation #1).	Not applicable for observations.		

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