

## Millions of Tax Dollars Sent to China Hidden from Public Scrutiny

The Biden administration sent more than \$18 million of U.S. taxpayer money to China and approved shipping millions of dollars more in the future, according to spending data compiled by the Office of Senator Joni Ernst.

The money paid for projects and programs in China, such as “promotion of a bakery ingredients roadshow,” an art billboard, DEI trainings, and research by Chinese government institutions and universities.

While receipts for expenditures of taxpayer dollars are [required by law](#) to be publicly posted in [USAspending.gov](#), multiple grants totaling more than \$4 million paid to China during this period by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are not listed in the database. The omitted amounts were found, however, on the NIH [RePORT.gov](#) website. Published studies supported with these grants do not include an acknowledgement providing the total cost to U.S. taxpayers, as is [required by law](#).

[A Government Accountability Office](#) audit confirms that not all money being sent to China is being publicly disclosed. This is a result of (1) incomplete reporting by agencies and recipients; and (2) loopholes in the law allowing some expenditures to evade detection when spent in smaller amounts or when distributed through multiple passthrough organizations.

Previously, two U.S. government agencies secretly sent \$1.4 million to [China’s Wuhan Institute of Virology](#) (WIV) for its notorious work on coronaviruses. The [U.S Agency for International Development, which paid \\$815,000 to WIV, used multiple passthroughs](#), thereby circumventing the reporting requirements. [NIH funneled \\$600,000 through the organization EcoHealth Alliance, without reporting the transactions to USAspending](#), in violation of federal law. Both [EcoHealth Alliance](#) and the [Wuhan Institute of Virology](#) were eventually debarred.

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) recently [canceled a \\$1.7 million NIH grant to Peking University](#) along with a [\\$135,000 grant to China Medical University](#). [Six Chinese labs were also removed](#) from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) list of institutions approved to receive U.S. taxpayer dollars, however, [21 others remain eligible](#).

The following chart provides a list of the recipients, the dollar amounts approved and spent, and the time period for programs and projects funded in China. For ongoing projects, the total dollar amount obligated into the future is listed in parentheses below the amount already outlayed.

Recipient and Description	Funding Agency	Dollar Amount	Time Period
<a href="#">MISCELLANEOUS FOREIGN AWARDEES</a> 1800 F ST NW WASHINGTON, DC 20405-0001  PROMOTION BAKERY INGREDIENTS ROADSHOW  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH5823P7314_1900_-NONE_-NONE-">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH5823P7314_1900_-NONE_-NONE-</a>	State Department	\$24,000*	2023
<a href="#">MISCELLANEOUS FOREIGN AWARDEES</a> 1800 F ST NW WASHINGTON, DC 20405-0001 UNITED STATES  DEIA TRAINING IN CHINA  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH5021P3242_1900_-NONE_-NONE-">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH5021P3242_1900_-NONE_-NONE-</a>	State Department	\$28,200	2021 to 2022
<a href="#">MISCELLANEOUS FOREIGN AWARDEES</a> 1800 F ST NW WASHINGTON, DC 20405-0001 UNITED STATES  DEIA TRAININGS FOR STAFF [IN CHINA]  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2523P6321_1900_-NONE_-NONE-">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2523P6321_1900_-NONE_-NONE-</a>	State Department	\$38,900*	2023 to 2024
<a href="#">SCHOUTEN (BEIJING) EDUCATION CONSULTING CO., LTD.</a> F3, EAST GONGXIAO, NO.28 GUANDONGDIAN BEIJING, BEIJING 100000 CHINA  DEIA TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR CONSULATE  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2522P6257_1900_-NONE_-NONE-">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2522P6257_1900_-NONE_-NONE-</a>	State Department	\$43,700	2022
<a href="#">SCHOUTEN (BEIJING) EDUCATION CONSULTING CO., LTD.</a> F3, EAST GONGXIAO, NO.28 GUANDONGDIAN BEIJING, BEIJING 100000 CHINA  WORKSHOP  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH5023P2666_1900_-NONE_-NONE-">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH5023P2666_1900_-NONE_-NONE-</a>	State Department	\$13,500	2023
<a href="#">PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION</a> ONE SOUTH BROAD ST 14TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107-3426  COVER THE PERFORMANCE AND RESIDENCE EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES OF PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA IN CHINA  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50024GR0040_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50024GR0040_1900</a>	State Department	\$150,000*	2024
<a href="#">MISCELLANEOUS FOREIGN AWARDEES</a> FLOOR 3, GATE 4, PACIFIC CENTURY PLACE 2A WORKERS' STADIUM NORTH ROAD, CHAOYANG DISTRICT BEIJING CHINA	State Department	\$50,000*	2022 to 2023

THIS CA WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PROJECT TITLED, CHINA AVIATION CULTURE & EDUCATION ACCELERATOR PROGRAM IN CHINA  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50022CA0080_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50022CA0080_1900</a>			
<a href="#">GUANGZHOU FINE ARTS CO., LTD.</a> NO.46, SIHENG ROAD, SHAHEDINGSHUI, TIANHE DISTRICT GUANGZHOU, NULL 510075 CHINA  ART BILLBOARD CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2522P6095_1900_-NONE_-NONE-">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2522P6095_1900_-NONE_-NONE-</a>	State Department	\$42,300	2022
<a href="#">GUANGZHOU FINE ARTS CO., LTD.</a> NO.46, SIHENG ROAD, SHAHEDINGSHUI, TIANHE DISTRICT GUANGZHOU, NULL 510075 CHINA  COVER FOR DESIGNATED BIKE PARKING AREA  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2522P6083_1900_-NONE_-NONE-">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2522P6083_1900_-NONE_-NONE-</a>	State Department	\$38,000	2022
<a href="#">GUANGZHOU FINE ARTS CO., LTD.</a> NO.46, SIHENG ROAD, SHAHEDINGSHUI, TIANHE DISTRICT GUANGZHOU, NULL 510075 CHINA  FIRE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT AT OFFSITE WAREHOUSE  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2522P6251_1900_-NONE_-NONE-">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_19CH2522P6251_1900_-NONE_-NONE-</a>	State Department	\$58,000	2022
<a href="#">MISCELLANEOUS FOREIGN AWARDEES</a> ROOM 46, NO. 7 GONGTI WEST ROAD CHAOYANG DISTRICT BEIJING CHINA  SUPPORT A SERIES EVENTS ORGANIZED BY BEIJING ZHUANGNI AGAINST DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS THE MARGINALISED LGBT COMMUNITY  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50021GR3080_1900/">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50021GR3080_1900/</a>	State Department	\$25,000*	2021 to 2022
<a href="#">CREATIVE ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL, INC</a> 4445 WILLARD AVE STE 400 CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815-4641  SUSTAINABLE MARKET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY ALL OR MOSTLY IN CHINA  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_72048622CA00001_7200">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_72048622CA00001_7200</a>	U.S. Agency for International Development	\$7,400,000 (\$9.4 million obligated)	2022 to 2027
<a href="#">MISCELLANEOUS FOREIGN AWARDEES</a> 4549 SAWGRASS CT ALEXANDRIA, VA 22312-3152  PARTNER WITH PAS BEIJING TO DEVELOP DIGITAL CONTENT TO ENGAGE AND INFORM PRC AUDIENCES ON AMERICAN DEMOCRACY  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50023CA0012_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50023CA0012_1900</a>	State Department	\$37,600*	2023 to 2024

<a href="#">F.Y. CHANG FOUNDATION</a> 2660 CONNECTICUT AVE NW UNIT 4D WASHINGTON, DC 20008-2566  TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR USCET PROJECT TITLED RESTORING US-CHINA EDUCATION TIES  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50023GR0071_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50023GR0071_1900</a>	State Department	\$141,400*	2023 to 2024
<a href="#">MERIDIAN INTERNATIONAL CENTER</a> 1630 CRESCENT PLACE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20009-4004  IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT, ART FOR THE PEOPLE: USING OUR VOICES. THE PROJECT AIMS TO INFORM PUBLIC AUDIENCES IN THE CHINA ABOUT U.S. CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT ON THE BROAD THEMES OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS, AND DIVERSITY  A MODIFICATION PROVIDES ADDITIONAL BUDGET TO ENABLE THE PROJECT CURATOR TO TRAVEL TO CHINA AND CONDUCT A SERIES OF ENGAGING LECTURES AIMED AT YOUTH AUDIENCES  THE GRANT WILL BE EXTENDED TO 2025 TO ENABLE THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATES TO BETTER PREPARE AND SECURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE CURATOR'S VISIT AND ACTIVITIES IN CHINA  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50023CA0023_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50023CA0023_1900</a>	State Department	\$162,100*	2023 to 2025
<a href="#">VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, INC.</a> P.O. BOX 96 SOUTH ROYALTON, VT 05068-0096  APS PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT U.S.-CHINA EXCHANGE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CLINIC LEGAL EDUCATION AND SERVICE  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH25024GR0019_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH25024GR0019_1900</a>	State Department	\$87,000*	2024 to 2025
<a href="#">UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE</a> 1534 WHITE AVENUE BLOUNT HALL KNOXVILLE, TN 37996-4509  TO SUPPORT UTK PROJECT TITLED GLOBAL SOLUTIONS THROUGH LANGUAGE SPECIALIZED ENGLISH PROGRAMS FOR CHINESE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH SECTORS  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50024GR0050_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50024GR0050_1900</a>	State Department	\$147,000*	2024 to 2025
<a href="#">ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE, THE</a> 1730 M STREET NW SUITE 700 WASHINGTON, DC 20036-4553  TO SUPPORT ELI'S PROJECT TITLED ORGANIZING A WORKSHOP FOR CHINESE CLIMATE OFFICIALS ON THE U.S. EXPERIENCE IN CLIMATE INVESTMENT AND FINANCING  <a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50022GR0065_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50022GR0065_1900</a>	State Department	\$30,000*	2022 to 2023
<a href="#">UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA</a> 32 CAMPUS DR, 1728 MISSOULA, MT 59812-0003	State Department	\$150,000*	2024 to 2025

<p>APS PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT ITS PROGRAM TITLED BRIDGING DIVIDES: STRENGTHENING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE ENGAGEMENT IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S. AND CHINA</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH25024GR0020_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH25024GR0020_1900</a></p>			
<p><u>THE ASIA FOUNDATION</u> 465 CALIFORNIA ST. 9TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104-1804</p> <p>PROGRAM TITLED 2030 CLIMATE CHAMPIONS: YOUNG LEADERS FOR A BRIGHTER U.S.-CHINA FUTURE</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50023GR0007_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50023GR0007_1900</a></p>	State Department	\$150,000*	2023 to 2024
<p><u>THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK</u> WEST 5510 FRANK MELVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY STONY BROOK, NY 11794-3362</p> <p>THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT, INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF OZONE POLLUTION IN CHINA THROUGH CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50022CA0073_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50022CA0073_1900</a></p>	State Department	\$249,000*	2022 to 2023
<p><u>NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF ARTISTS, INC.</u> 918 PENN WALLER RD SAVANNAH GA 31410 SAVANNAH, GA 31410-3106</p> <p>TO SUPPORT NAAHBCU JUNETEENTH ART EXHIBITION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH58022GR0017_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH58022GR0017_1900</a></p>	State Department	\$141,000*	2022 to 2023
<p><u>WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS</u> 1300 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW STE G7 WASHINGTON, DC 20004-3025</p> <p>TO SUPPORT THE WILSON CENTER'S PROJECT TITLED CULTIVATING U.S. AND CHINESE LEADERSHIP TO REDUCE THE CLIMATE CHANGE FOOTPRINT IN AGRICULTURE</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50022GR0068_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50022GR0068_1900</a></p>	State Department	\$140,000*	2022 to 2023
<p><u>NANJING UNIVERSITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION US, INC</u> 1521 CONCORD PIKE STE 301 WILMINGTON, DE 19803-3644</p> <p>TO SUPPORT NANJING UNIVERSITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION US INC'S PROJECT OF AMERICAN ARTS HISTORY LIBRARY AT NANJING UNIVERSITY IN CHINA</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH58022GR0015_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH58022GR0015_1900</a></p>	State Department	\$150,000	2022 to 2023
<p><u>THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u> 3F, GATE 4, PACIFIC CENTURY PLACE 2A WORKERS' STADIUM NORTH ROAD, CHAOYANG DISTRICT BEIJING CHINA</p> <p>TO SUPPORT AMCHAM PROJECT TITLED BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH SHARED INTERESTS US CHINA VALUE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE EVENTS</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50024GR0055_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SCH50024GR0055_1900</a></p>	State Department	\$110,000*	2024 to 2025

<p><u>WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY</u> ATTN: COMPTROLLER 2300 SOUTHERN BLVD. BRONX, NY 10460-1090 UNITED STATES</p> <p>SHALL SUPPORT LEA PARTNERS TO SHARE INFORMATION BETWEEN CHINA AND COUNTRIES ALONG MAJOR ILLICIT SUPPLY CHAINS FOR WILDLIFE</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SINLEC20GR3168_1900">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_SINLEC20GR3168_1900</a></p>	State Department	\$453,700 (\$1 million obligated)	2020 to 2025
<p><u>NATIONAL CENTER FOR AIDS/STD CONTROL AND PREVENTION, CHINESE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PRE</u> 155 CHANGBAI ROAD, CHANGPING DISTRICT BEIJING, BEIJING CHINA</p> <p>STRENGTHENING RESEARCH INTEGRITY OVERSIGHT AND ETHICAL REVIEW OF CRITICAL HIV RESEARCH IN CHINA</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/recipient/5ba4aac9-bb30-613b-d913-316d30ba702b-C/all">https://www.usaspending.gov/recipient/5ba4aac9-bb30-613b-d913-316d30ba702b-C/all</a></p> <p><a href="#">NIH award summary, 2021</a></p>	Department of Health and Human Services	\$99,400 (\$298,000 obligated)	2021
<p><u>CHINESE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION</u> NO. 27, NANWEI ROAD BEIJING, PROVINCE</p> <p>CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEALTH NON-RESEARCH PROGRAM IN CHINA</p> <p>PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGY OF INFLUENZA VIRUS INFECTION AND CONTROL IN CHINA</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/recipient/f5f9df7d-d2f2-84ad-9694-5ff033f12d2b-C/all">https://www.usaspending.gov/recipient/f5f9df7d-d2f2-84ad-9694-5ff033f12d2b-C/all</a></p>	Department of Health and Human Services	\$1.4 million (\$5 million obligated)	2021 to 2029
<p>PEKING UNIVERSITY BEIJING CHINA</p> <p>Influences of Early and Later Life Events on Cognition and All-Cause Dementia in China</p> <p><a href="#">NIH awards summary, 2021- 2024</a> <a href="https://reporter.nih.gov/search/ZA1kzFL5yE-9AwBzFtO0Cg/project-details/10899634#history">https://reporter.nih.gov/search/ZA1kzFL5yE-9AwBzFtO0Cg/project-details/10899634#history</a></p>	National Institutes of Health	\$3.8 million	2021 to 2024
<p>CHINA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY SHENYANG CHINA</p> <p><a href="#">NIH awards summary, 2021- 2024</a> <a href="https://taggs.hhs.gov/Detail/RecipDetail?arg_EntityId=Mh%2F6sqzdz1Qvbsg9yEGTUA%3D%3D">https://taggs.hhs.gov/Detail/RecipDetail?arg_EntityId=Mh%2F6sqzdz1Qvbsg9yEGTUA%3D%3D</a></p>	National Institutes of Health	\$540,000	2021 to 2024
<p>PEKING UNIVERSITY SUBAWARD FROM UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</p> <p>OPTIMIZATION OF GPCR-BASED FLUORESCENT SENSORS FOR LARGE-SCALE MULTIPLEXED IN VIVO IMAGING OF NEUROMODULATION</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_U01NS120824_7529">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_U01NS120824_7529</a></p>	Department of Health and Human Services	\$1.1 million	2021 to 2025

<p>FUDAN UNIVERSITY SUBAWARD FROM MASSACHUSETTS EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY SHANGHAI CHINA</p> <p>TEST AAV2-KKH-SACAS9/GRNA TO TREAT TWO DOMINANT HEARING LOSS, DFNA41 DUE TO A P2RX2 MUTATION V60L AND DFNA2 DUE TO A KCNQ4 MUTATION G285S. DR. SHU WILL DESIGN AND CONDUCT EXPERIMENTS TO CHARACTERIZE AND EVALUATE VECTOR BIODISTRIBUTION, TOLERABILITY AND TOXICITY IN NONHUMAN PRIMATE MODEL USING TWO DOSES OF GLP GRADE AAV2-KKH-SACAS9/GRNA.</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_U01TR005352_7529">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_U01TR005352_7529</a></p>	<p>Department of Health and Human Services</p>	<p>\$300,000</p>	<p>2024 to 2028</p>
<p>PHARMARON, INC  CHINA</p> <p>EVALUATING PHARMACOKINETICS OF COMPOUNDS FROM DYSTONIA IN MICE, DOGS, RATS</p> <p><a href="https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_75N95023P00683_7529_-NONE_-NONE-">https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_75N95023P00683_7529_-NONE_-NONE-</a></p>	<p>Department of Health and Human Services</p>	<p>\$124,000</p>	<p>2023 to 2025</p>

\*Dollar amounts derived from USAspending.gov and reflect outlays or obligated when outlays are not provided (designated with a \*).