



VANDER WEELE GROUP LLC  
*Making Monitoring Meaningful*

A Woman-Owned Grants Oversight Firm

# Navigating the Seas of Mega Grants



**Guardrails 360™ + Meaningful Monitoring®**

Like a massive ship setting out to distant ports, sending grant money to the states is an endeavor that deserves protection. Without the right defenses, that voyage risks failure and compromise through fraud, waste, and abuse, resulting in costly corrective actions and damaged programmatic performance. At the **Vander Weele Group**<sup>LLC</sup>, we build the guardrails to ensure your valuable cargo reaches its destination safely and successfully.



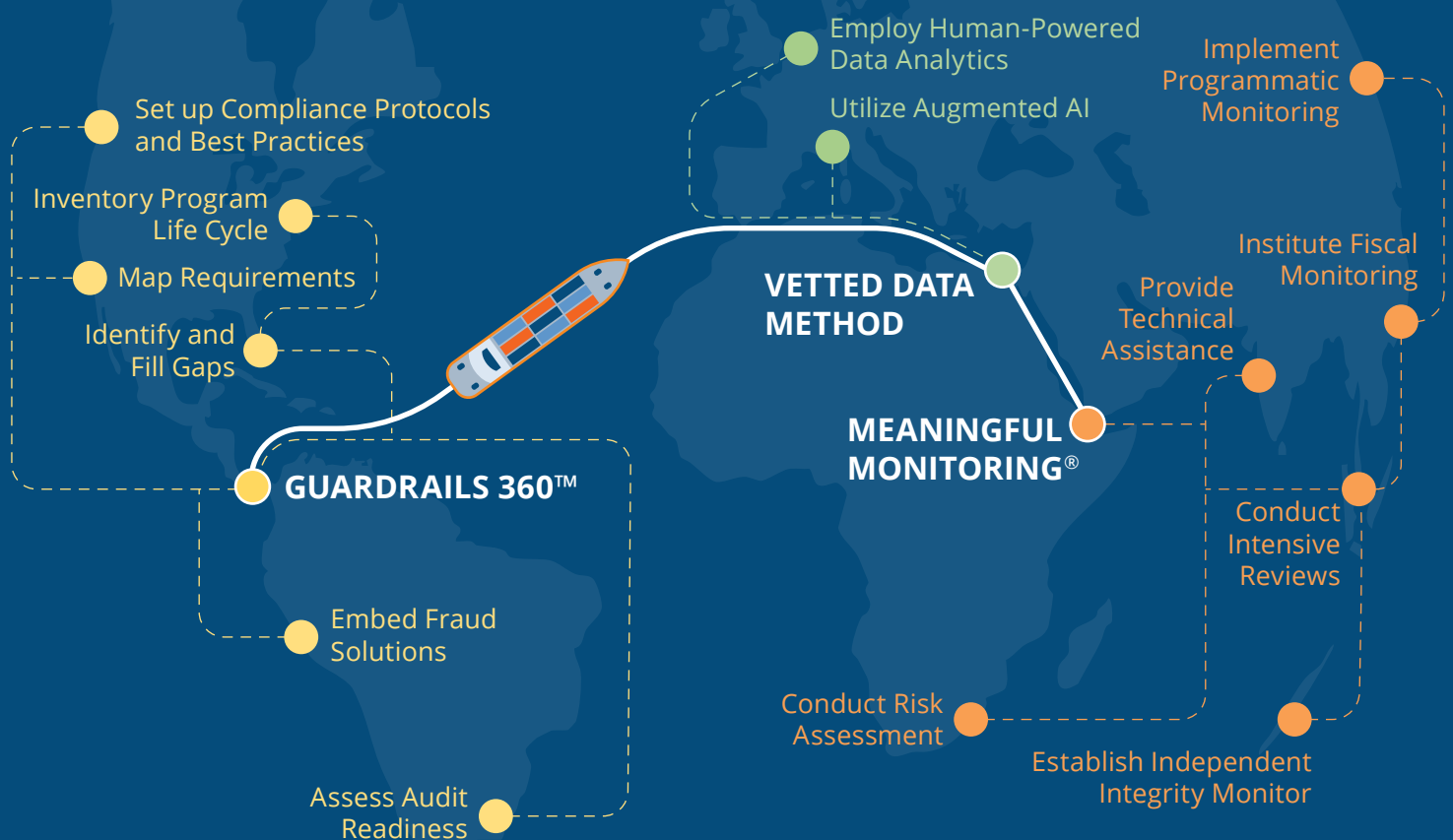


## Our Role as Your Guardrails

We specialize in full-lifecycle grants oversight—from the moment you set sail to the final port of call. We serve as your independent and experienced quality control team. Our comprehensive **Guardrails 360™** platform helps to align spending to program goals and provides guidance in setting up critical safety checkpoints that prevent compliance and operational issues before they occur.

# The Grants Oversight Journey

We don't just ensure compliance; we build a powerful system of oversight that proactively identifies and mitigates risks, prevents fraud, and ensures your program is not only compliant but also operationally effective and successful. Our integrated services provide the essential safety and support you need at every stage of the grant lifecycle.





# How We Batten Down Your Grant Program

**Shoring Up Your Defenses:** We examine every part of your program through more than 200 grant lifecycle activities. We then identify and fill any gaps. We draw on our vast resources to help your team build and document processes that are missing or not well defined.



**Plotting the Course:** We map the legal and regulatory framework, charting requirements from the Uniform Guidance, Executive Orders, Federal policy, and authorizing legislation, correlating each standard to the appropriate activity to ensure every stage of your grant is both compliant and secure.



**Channeling On-the-Ground Intelligence:** Our **Meaningful Monitoring<sup>®</sup>** process goes beyond the data and paperwork. Our on-site visits provide “boots-on-the-ground” intelligence to see how programs are truly operating, helping you prioritize the most important protocols during traditional grants monitoring activities.



**Preventing Piracy:** With decades of experience in the fraud control arena, our team provides an added measure of safety by inspecting fraud prevention measures such as internal controls, applying expert analysis to data, and asking thoughtful questions across the stakeholder ecosystem. We bring creative policy solutions to prevent, detect, and resolve matters involving fraud and abuse.



**Unpacking the Haul:** Through our **Vetted Data Method**, a form of expert-guided analytics, we employ augmented AI to handle the bulk of data preparation and pattern discovery, while human experts distill the findings down to actionable and operationally meaningful intelligence.

## GRANTS OVERSIGHT CASE STUDY

# New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation

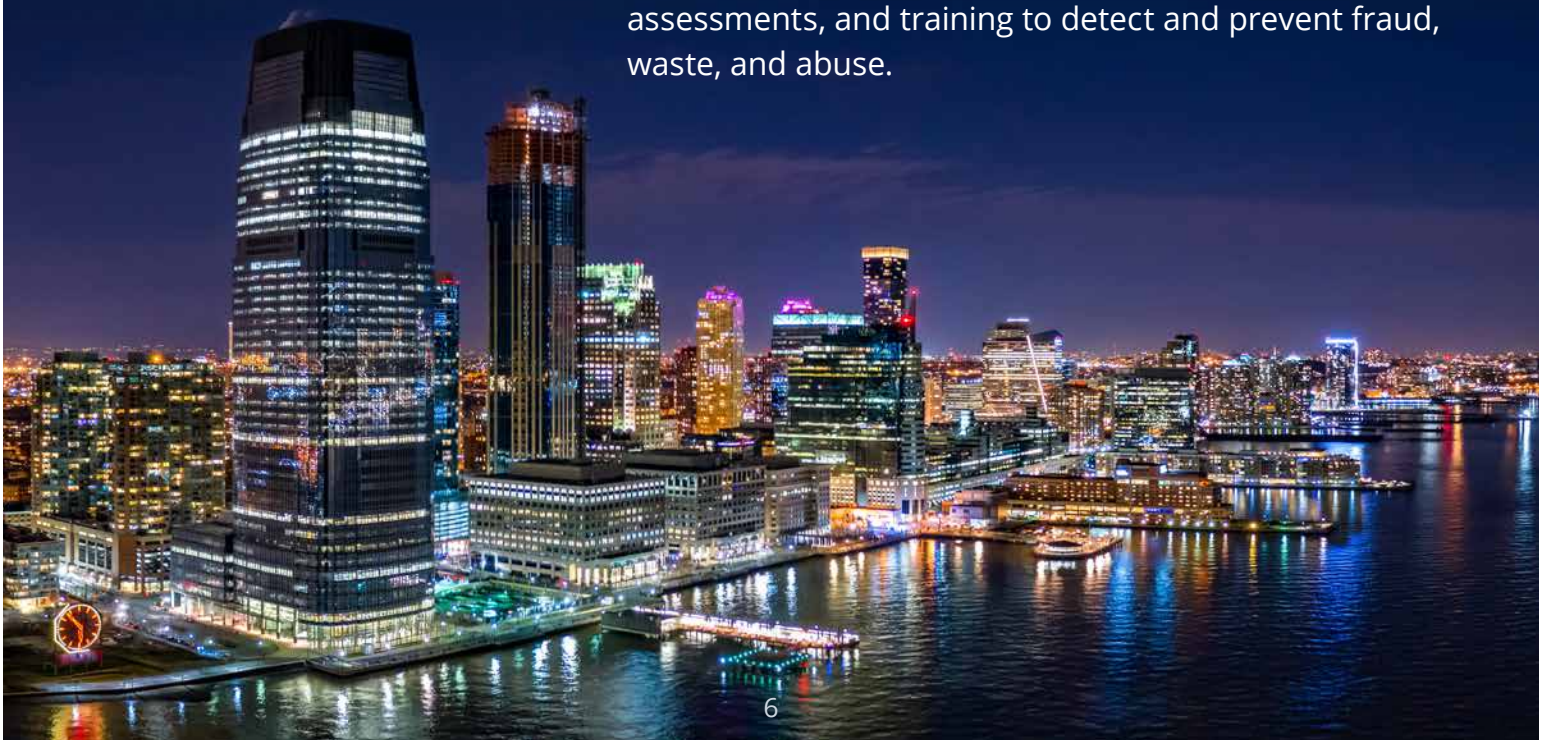
Since 2022, the **Vander Weele Group** was engaged by the State of New Jersey to participate as one of 8 consultants in the competitively-bid integrity oversight monitor pool, where our firm provided oversight to 15 programs that received at least \$20 million each in ARPA funds.

In one of these engagements, the Vander Weele Group assisted the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in managing the grantee's \$6.24 billion in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants. This involved documenting business processes, creating standard operating procedures for grant reviews, and providing support throughout the entire grants management process, from application to final reporting to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The grants supported more than 100 programs including those in social services, infrastructure, education and healthcare.

## \$6.2 Billion

of American Rescue Plan Act grants monitored in New Jersey.

In a previous engagement our team created a subrecipient monitoring plan for the grantee (NJDCA) to ensure that the programs that allocated ARPA funding were compliant with Federal, State and program requirements, and to help subrecipients measure and improve program success. The plan included a monitoring handbook, compliance matrix, templates for individual and comparative risk assessments, and training to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.



# OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



## **Maribeth Vander Weele**

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**The Vander Weele Group** is a woman-owned grants monitoring firm founded by Maribeth Vander Weele, a two-time Inspector General and former investigative journalist. Since its founding in 2003, the Vander Weele Group has monitored billions of dollars of Federal funds distributed primarily at the state levels. The firm excels in developing work cultures, processes, training, and systems geared toward producing desired outcomes in high-volume operations. A two-time award-winning author, Maribeth is a graduate of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois.

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John Hooley, CPA serves as a senior advisor, subject matter expert, and project manager to Federal, State, and Commercial entities. Mr. Hooley helps executives and management teams proactively address opportunities to improve mission and business operations and outcomes through organizational, process, data, and technology improvements. He is currently leading efforts to expand financial, operational, and performance data analytics in support of Guardrails 360™ Meaningful Monitoring®—the Vander Weele Group's proprietary grants monitoring and compliance solution. Mr. Hooley is a graduate of the University of Maryland, a CPA in the State of Maryland, a Project Management Professional, and Certified Government Financial Manager.



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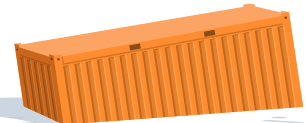


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