

# Spotlight

Department of Homeland Security



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### Why This Matters

In fiscal year (FY) 2013, we issued 59 audit reports on grantees and subgrantees awarded Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds between August 2004 and December 2009 resulting from 38 presidentially declared disasters in 21 states. The subgrantees were awarded \$1.7 billion in project funding for debris removal; emergency protective measures; or permanent repair, restoration, and replacement of damaged facilities. We audited \$1.28 billion of the \$1.7 billion, or 75 percent of the awarded amounts.

### DHS Response

FEMA officials generally agreed with our findings.

## Capping Report: FY 2013 FEMA Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant and Subgrant Audits

### What We Determined

This report summarizes the results of Public Assistance program and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant and subgrant audits we conducted during FY 2013. We reviewed audit findings and recommendations made to FEMA officials as they related to Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds FEMA awards to state, local, and tribal governments, and eligible nonprofit organizations. Of the 59 audit reports we issued in FY 2013, 54 reports contained 261 recommendations resulting in potential monetary benefits of \$307.8 million. This amount included \$266.2 million in questioned costs that we recommended FEMA disallow because the costs were ineligible or unsupported and \$41.6 million in unused funds that we recommended FEMA deobligate and put to better use.

### What We Recommend

Although our conclusion provides FEMA several suggestions for improving grant administration of its Public Assistance program and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, this report contains no formal recommendations. Therefore, we consider this report closed and require no further actions from FEMA.

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