

# Spotlight

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### Why This Matters

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides public assistance to state, tribal, and local government, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. We perform audits of FEMA grantees and subgrantees to determine whether costs claimed under the awards are eligible and allowable under Federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. Brevard County, Florida, (County) received an award of \$9.7 million for damages resulting from Tropical Storm Fay that occurred in August 2008.

### DHS Response

FEMA's written response is due within 90 days.

## Brevard County, Florida, Properly Accounted For and Expended FEMA Public Assistance Grants Funds Received Under Tropical Storm Fay

### What We Determined

The County generally accounted for FEMA grant funds according to Federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. However, the County claimed \$43,631 of ineligible costs for straight-time force account labor.

### What We Recommend

We recommend that the Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IV, disallow the \$43,631 (Federal share \$32,723) of ineligible costs for straight-time force account labor.

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