



### Why This Matters

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides public assistance to state, tribal, and local governments, 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. West Jackson County Utility District (Utility District) received a Public Assistance grant award of \$2.5 million for damages related to Hurricane Katrina, which occurred in August 2005.

## West Jackson County Utility District, Mississippi, Effectively Managed FEMA Public Assistance Grant Funds Awarded for Hurricane Katrina Damages

### What We Determined

For the projects reviewed, the Utility District generally accounted for and expended FEMA funds according to Federal regulations and FEMA guidelines.

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