



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. The City of Jacksonville, Florida, (City) received an award of \$11.7 million resulting from Tropical Storm Fay, which occurred in 2008.

DHS Response

FEMA's written response is due within 90 days.

The City of Jacksonville, Florida Successfully Accounted for and Expended FEMA Public Assistance Grant Funds Awarded for Tropical Storm Fay

What We Determined

The City generally accounted for FEMA grant funds as required by Federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. However, its claim included \$49,949 of ineligible costs, which consisted of \$28,865 of ineligible contract costs, and \$21,084 of debris removal costs covered by the Federal Highway Administration.

What We Recommend

We recommend that the Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IV:

1. Disallow \$28,865 (Federal share \$23,092) of ineligible contract costs.
2. Disallow \$21,084 (Federal share \$16,867) of ineligible duplicate benefits.

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