



Why This Matters

Public Law 110-53, Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, as amended, requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Inspector General, to audit individual States' management of State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grants.

This report responds to the reporting requirement for the State of Indiana. The audit included a review of approximately \$57.3 million in SHSP and UASI grants awarded to the State during fiscal years (FY) 2008 through 2010.

DHS Response

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State concurred with and plan to implement all of our recommendations.

The findings in the report will be used to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of how FEMA executes and measures the subject grant programs. The agency recognizes the need to continue to improve the process, including addressing the recommendations raised in the report.

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Indiana's Management of SHSP and UASI Grants Fiscal Years 2008-2010

What We Determined

In most instances, the State of Indiana distributed and spent the awards in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. However, we identified several areas in which FEMA and the State can improve management of State Homeland Security Program and the Urban Areas Security Initiative grants. Specifically, the State needs to: revise its State Homeland Security Strategy and the Indianapolis Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy to include measurable objectives with realistic target dates for completion; obligate grant funds promptly; and monitor subgrantee compliance with inventory management requirements. Additionally, FEMA should ensure that the State closely monitors the obligation and expenditure of Urban Areas Security Initiative grants.

What We Recommend

FEMA Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate:

- 1) Require the Executive Director, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), to include measurable objectives with realistic target dates for completion in the State and Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies.
- 2) Require that for all future grants, the IDHS Grants Management Section complies with the requirements as stated in DHS guidance to obligate grant funds to subgrantees within 45 days and to document the commitment of those funds.
- 3) Require IDHS to enforce the inventory requirement provisions of 44 CFR 13.32(d) and its own internal guidance.
- 4) Limit the number of extensions granted to the period of performance for Homeland Security Grant Program grants.
- 5) Work with IDHS to develop procedures to closely monitor the progress of subgrantees who request extensions to the period of performance and hold them accountable if they do not meet Homeland Security Grant Program project milestones.