



Why This Matters

In fiscal year (FY) 2012, we issued 59 audit reports on grantee and subgrantee awarded Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds between November 2002 and December 2009 as a result of 31 presidentially declared disasters in 16 states and 1 U.S. Territory. The subgrantees were awarded \$1.52 billion in project funding for debris removal; emergency protective measures; or permanent repair, restoration, and replacement of damaged facilities. We audited \$1.25 billion of the \$1.52 billion, or 82% of the awarded amounts. This report summarizes the results of those audits.

DHS Response

FEMA officials generally agreed with our findings.

Capping Report: FY 2012 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 performed during FY 2012. 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 2012, 54 reports contained 187 recommendations resulting in potential monetary benefits of \$415.6 million. This amount included \$267.9 million in questioned costs that we recommended FEMA disallow as ineligible or unsupported and \$147.7 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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