



Why This Matters

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) appropriated \$210 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for building or repairing non-Federal fire stations. This is one of a series of audits that we are performing to help ensure that Recovery Act funds were used for authorized purposes.

The objective of this audit was to determine whether costs claimed by the Grand Traverse, Michigan, Metro Emergency Services Authority for fire station construction were allowable, allocable, and reasonable.

DHS Response

FEMA concurred with the report recommendations and is working with the Metro Emergency Services Authority to identify specific corrective actions.

Costs Claimed by Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority under a Fire Station Construction Grant

What We Determined

We questioned \$591,457 out of \$2,589,021 claimed for reimbursement under the grant. In addition, we verified that the Metro Emergency Services Authority submitted to the Federal Government the required quarterly reports on project activities. We also determined that the Metro Emergency Services Authority complied with the grant and Recovery Act requirements for paying prevailing wages to contractor employees and using American iron, steel, and manufactured goods in the construction of the project.

What We Recommend

FEMA resolve the questioned costs of \$591,457.

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