

Spotlight

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Why This Matters

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DHS Response

Within 90 days of the date of the grant audit report, Management should provide our office with a written response that includes their (1) agreement or disagreement, (2) corrective action plan, and (3) target completion date for each recommendation.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation Successfully Managed FEMA's PA Grant Funds

What We Determined

The California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento, CA, (Department), successfully managed Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) grant funds, PA Identification Number 000-U8RA6-00.

Our audit objective was to determine whether the Department accounted for and expended FEMA grant funds according to Federal regulations and FEMA guidelines.

Department officials generally expended and accounted for PA funds according to Federal grant regulations and FEMA guidelines for the two projects we audited and can return \$254,145 in unused funds.

What We Recommend

We recommended that the FEMA Region IX Administrator deobligate \$254,145 (Federal share \$190,609) from Projects 145, 260, 368, 372, 413, and 603 and put those Federal funds to better use.

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