



Why This Matters

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

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the State of Oklahoma (State) approximately \$47 million in Homeland Security Grant Program funds during fiscal years 2006 through 2008, of which, almost \$35 million was for State Homeland Security Program and Urban Areas Security Initiative grants.

DHS Response

FEMA, along with officials from the State of Oklahoma, concurred with the recommendation. FEMA will request that Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security submit a revised Homeland Security Grant Program monitoring policy.

The State of Oklahoma's Management of State Homeland Security Program and Urban Areas Security Initiative Grants

What We Determined

Generally, the State did an efficient and effective job of administering the program requirements in compliance with grant guidance and regulations. Funding was linked to goals in the State Homeland Security Strategy and project-based objectives, which in turn were based on initiatives and needs identified by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security. Funds and resources were distributed based on those project-based objectives. Reasonable methodologies were used for assessing threats and vulnerabilities and response capability.

However, improvements were needed in the State's management of the State Homeland Security Program grants in the following areas:

- 1) Recording and maintaining adequate documentation related to accomplishment of the goals and objectives outlined in the State's Homeland Security Strategy. Progress data for ongoing projects was not always collected at the state level, and not documented in a manner that would facilitate analysis and review of progress made.
- 2) Ensuring that equipment purchased with DHS grant funds was appropriately identified. Specifically, interoperable equipment, emergency response vehicles, and surveillance cameras were not identified as purchased with Homeland Security Grant Program funds by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security. This action has been implemented by the State.

What We Recommend

Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate, FEMA, require the Director of the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security to develop and implement policies and procedures to document, retain, and utilize the results of performance monitoring.

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