

Spotlight

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Why This Matters

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides public assistance to state, Tribal, and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. We perform audits of FEMA grantees and subgrantees to determine whether costs claimed under the awards are eligible and allowable under federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. The City of Orlando, Florida, (City) received an award of \$9.9 million for damages resulting from Hurricane Jeanne that occurred in September 2004.

DHS Response

FEMA's written response is due within 90 days.

FEMA Public Assistance Grant Funds Awarded to City of Orlando, Florida - Hurricane Jeanne

What We Determined

The City generally accounted for and expended FEMA funds according to federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. However, we identified \$51,951 of costs that were covered by insurance.

What We Recommend

We recommend that the Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IV, disallow the \$51,951 (federal share \$46,756) of ineligible costs for losses covered by insurance.

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