

# Spotlight

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### Why This Matters

In fiscal year (FY) 2011, we issued 58 audit reports on grantees and subgrantees awarded Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds between June 2001 and October 2008 as a result of 30 presidentially declared disasters in 13 states and 1 U.S. Territory. The subgrantees were awarded \$1.72 billion in project funding for debris removal; emergency protective measures; or permanent repair, restoration, and replacement of damaged facilities. We audited \$1.22 billion of the \$1.72 billion, or 71% of the awarded amounts.

### DHS Response

FEMA officials generally agreed with our findings.

## Capping Report: FY 2011 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 2011. We reviewed audit findings and recommendations made to FEMA officials as they related to Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds awarded to state, local, and tribal governments, and eligible nonprofit organizations. Of the 58 audits performed in FY 2011, 54 reports contained 220 recommendations resulting in a potential monetary benefit of \$336.9 million. This amount included \$307.8 million in project costs questioned as ineligible or unsupported that should be disallowed and \$29.1 million in funds that were unused or uncollected that should be 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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