



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 (UASI) grants. This report responds to the reporting requirement for the State of Utah and its UASI grants. The audit included a review of approximately \$7.6 million in UASI grants awarded to the State during fiscal years 2008 through 2010. The State of Utah's State Homeland Security Program grants were audited in 2008.

DHS Response

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) concurred with and implemented all of our recommendations.

The State of Utah's Management of UASI Grants Awarded During Fiscal Years 2008 Through 2010

What We Determined

Overall, the State of Utah did an efficient and effective job of administering the UASI grant program requirements, distributing grant funds, and ensuring that funds were used appropriately. UASI grant funds were used to enhance the State's preparedness for disasters and acts of terrorism. An urban area working group was formed to guide the development of regional prevention, protection, response, and recovery and is governed by laws, strategic plans, and Federal guidance. The State Administrative Agency monitored performance and measured preparedness improvement. We tested a sample of the items purchased with grant funds and found that the funds were spent in accordance with grant requirements.

However, we identified two minor areas for improvement: ensuring that (1) transfers of grant funding between projects are approved and (2) equipment purchased with grant funds is properly marked.

What We Recommend

FEMA Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate:

- 1) Ensure that the State Administrative Agency seeks approval for all funding transfers between projects.
- 2) Ensure, where practicable, that the Salt Lake UASI marks all purchases made with DHS funds with the words "Purchased with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security."

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