



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 Pompano Beach, Florida, (City) received an award of \$658,530 for damages resulting from Hurricane Katrina, which occurred in August 2005.

DHS Response

FEMA's written response is due within 90 days.

FEMA Public Assistance Grant Funds Awarded to the City of Pompano Beach, Florida - Hurricane Katrina

What We Determined

The City accounted for expenditures on a project-by-project basis, as required by Federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. However, we identified \$230,980 of questioned costs resulting from unsupported and ineligible project charges.

What We Recommend

We recommend that the Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IV:

1. Disallow \$150,668 of ineligible debris removal costs.
2. Disallow \$80,312 of unsupported costs.

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