



Report Highlights

Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Public Assistance Program (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)

Audit Control # 52200006

Recovery Assistance Services • March 2021

Why We Conducted This Audit

We performed agreed-upon procedures in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* to assist the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) in evaluating the completeness and accuracy of documentation submitted by sub-grantees to GOHSEP for reimbursement under the Public Assistance (PA) program. For the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, we reviewed PA reimbursement requests totaling \$324,647,631.

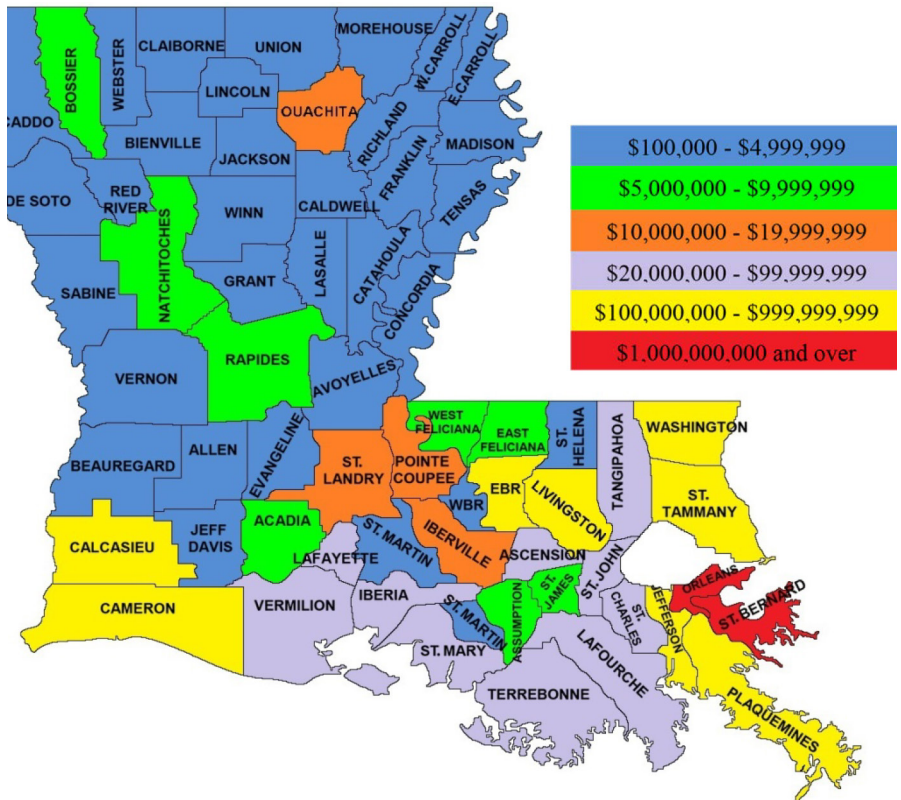
What We Found

Of the \$324,647,631 in expense reimbursements we analyzed, we found that \$56,075,181 (17.27%) were not supported by sufficient documentation at the time of our review. However, GOHSEP management has directed staff to obtain the needed documentation prior to payment.

Of the total amount in expense reimbursements analyzed:

- 48,482,734 (14.93%) was a result of exceptions related to contract work.
- \$246,194 (0.07%) was a result of exceptions related to sub-grantee equipment charges.
- \$4,930,239 (1.52%) was a result of exceptions related to sub-grantee labor charges.
- \$2,229,160 (0.69%) was a result of exceptions related to purchases of materials.
- \$186,854 (0.06%) was a result of exceptions related to rented equipment.

Parish Breakdown of the \$13.97 Billion in Public Assistance Funds Paid (as of December 31, 2020)



Note: The \$4.07 billion paid to state agencies is not reflected in the map.