U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Why OIG Did This Review

Three major hurricanes hit the United States between August and September of 2017. On September 8, 2017, the President signed the first Federal Disaster Assistance package of the 2017 hurricane season following Hurricane Harvey.

On February 9, 2018, the President signed into law the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which provided disaster relief funding totaling approximately $89.3 billion. HHS received $5.97 billion ($1.07 billion for discretionary programs), of which the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) received $650 million.

Our objectives were to identify ACF's potential risks for preparing for and responding to hurricanes and other natural disasters and to determine whether ACF has designed and implemented controls and strategies to mitigate these potential risks.
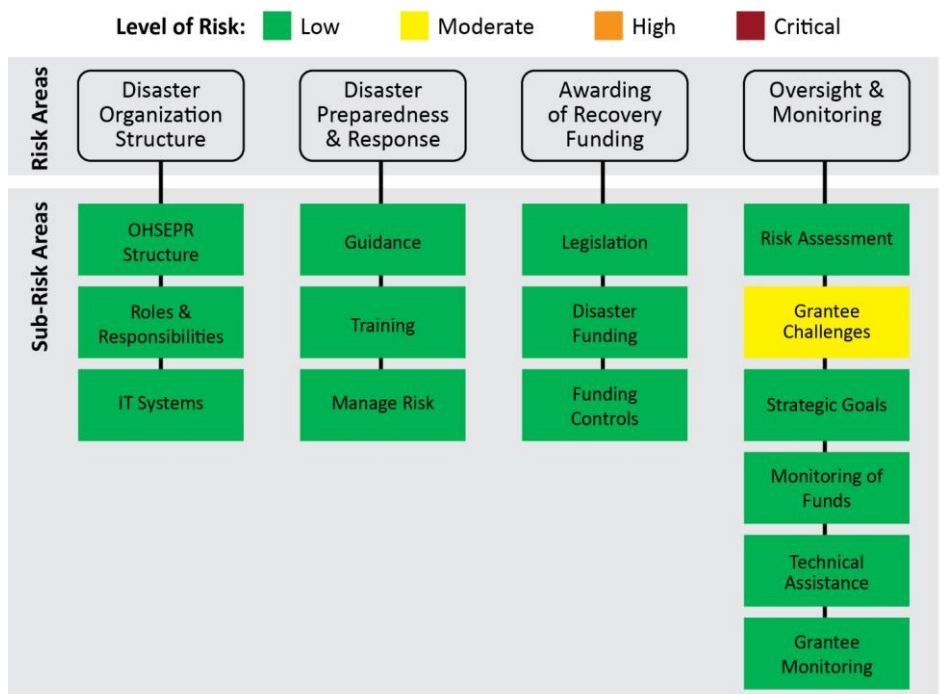
How OIG Did This Review

We interviewed ACF management, reviewed documents, and analyzed the information provided by ACF to describe its current hurricane preparedness and response processes. Although we also reviewed documents from some of ACF's offices, bureaus, and regions, our report focuses on operations at ACF's administrative level. Based on this review, we identified 4 potential risk areas at ACF and 15 sub-risk areas.

The Administration for Children and Families Has Controls and Strategies To Mitigate Hurricane Preparedness and Response Risk

What OIG Found

Within the 4 risk areas related to ACF's hurricane preparedness and response activities, we identified 15 sub-risk areas and rated 14 as low risk and 1 as moderate risk.

Even though we rated one sub-risk area as moderate, ACF had developed various controls and strategies that are designed to mitigate the risks that we identified for preparing for and responding to hurricanes and other natural disasters.

What OIG Recommends

This report contains no recommendations.