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Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

September 30, 2014

DHSEM is coordinating the following mitigation and recovery efforts with government, private-nonprofit organization, and other critical partners.



Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

Program FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)
Lead State Agency Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Update

- Problem solving conference call held with Colorado Division of Housing and DCM case manager, DCM case manager supervisor and local Division of Housing.
- Case management standard form set was printed this week.
- Working on resiliency training for case managers in early November.
- Working on gathering Duplication of Benefits (DOB) information from multiple federal agencies for acquisitions/mitigation.

Behavioral Health

Program FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CPP)
Lead State Agency Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
DHSEM POC Steve Board, Recovery Manager
Guidance [Program Overview](#)

Update

DHSEM staff met with a CDPHE team to resolve program payment requests. Several long term questions were resolved. DHSEM and CDPHE have agreed work to improve the interagency agreement supporting this vital program supporting citizens and business affected by disaster.

Consumer Protection

Lead State Agency Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Update No DHSEM activities to report this week.

Damage Assessment (Loss Verification)

Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Update No DHSEM activities to report this week.

Debris Management

Program Recovery Planning
DHSEM POC Olivia Stinson, Recovery Specialist - Planning
Update

Statewide efforts to evaluate debris management plans are ongoing in support of developing a 2015 strategy for debris management planning.

Donations Management

DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Update No DHSEM activities to report this week.

Economic and Community Recovery

Program State Disaster Emergency Fund
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Steve Boand, Recovery Manager
Update

The Recovery Liaison and Planning Team provided direct assistance on a wide variety of disaster recovery planning, grant and financial issues during this reporting period:

Highlights of DHSEM Recovery Liaison Team Assistance to Local Communities:

- Assisted **El Paso County** and the local watershed district to define unmet needs and develop grant strategies to meet them.
- Assisted the **Town of Lyons** with the development of requests for proposals to implement the Town's municipal facilities plan and the Park's Master Plan to implement CDBG-DR planning resilience grant.
- Assisted the **City of Evans** to develop a strategy to implement recovery plans for Riverside Park.
- Participated in the **Town of Estes Park** discussions in preparation for future CDBG-DR applications.
- Assisted the **Town of Milliken** to coordinate a communication strategy explaining the town's efforts with property acquisitions should they receive the HMGP grant.

- Assisted the **Town of Milliken** disaster recovery efforts by sharing information on the Down Payment Assistance Program and opportunities to collaborate with the Loveland Housing Authority.
- Provided technical assistance to the **Jamestown** community recovery planning kick-off.

Program Recovery Planning
DHSEM POC Olivia Stinson, Recovery Specialist - Planning

Update
 Assisted the **Gold Hill** community efforts to find funding for their repeater installation project.

Environmental Recovery

Program (Proposed) HUD CDBG-DR (CDBG-DR) Watershed Resilience Pilot Program
Lead State Agency Colorado Division of Local Affairs (DOLA) Division of Local Government (DLG), Andy Hill
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Guidance <http://dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr/content/action-plans>

Program Update
 No DHSEM activities to report this week.

Hazard Mitigation

Program FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin, Mitigation Specialist
Guidance FEMA HMGP guidance documents may be found at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

Update
 DHSEM is convening panels of subject matter experts from state agencies (Colorado Department of Agriculture, Colorado Department of Higher Education, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency, the Nature Conservancy) to review and prioritize Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) applications for funding. Upon completion of this review process, communities will be contacted to notify them of whether or not they will be receiving funding. Additionally, the State will identify areas within each application which will need to be revised and ask the communities to make the necessary changes prior to the applications formal submission to FEMA.

Photo: DHSEM Mitigation Team: Front: Sean Settle, Back Row: Marilyn Gally, Patricia Gavelda, Scott Baldwin, Kerry Webster.



Program FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin, Mitigation Specialist

Update
 Seven PDM grant close-out packages were submitted to FEMA on September 26th.

Program USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Olivia Stinson, Recovery Specialist - Planning

Guidance <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/>

Update

- All projects will be complete by October 30, 2014. No extensions on funds or deadlines will be granted by NRCS past this date.
- DHSEM is required to submit all State reimbursement requests to NRCS by January 28, 2015.
- DHSEM will be submitting RFRs to NRCS as soon as sub-grantees have been paid, going forward through December.
- All sub grantees must submit final Requests for Reimbursement (RFRs) to the State by December 15 at the latest. Project closeout for all sub-grantees will be ongoing for the next ten weeks.
- This week's priority is to circulate the draft maintenance agreements to all sub-grantees to begin the process of getting them signed and filed.
- A draft memo to grantees about closeout requirements, final payments, documents and deadlines is currently

Sub-Grantee	Update - September 25, 2014	Contract End Date
Boulder County	Sub-grantee with largest grant share. Will submit first RFR by October 15. Just received grant amendment for additional funds up to \$4.6M	30-Oct
Jefferson Conservation District	Work is complete. Final and only RFR paid on 9/8/2014. Need to complete closeout ASAP.	30-Oct
Estes Park	Three RFRs have been submitted and paid. Anticipating one final small RFR for \$20,000. Estes got a CDOT rock donation, this needs to be documented and clarified, this has not been reflected in past RFRs.	1-Aug
Evans	One RFR has been submitted and paid. Project is complete. Project closeout needs to commence ASAP.	30-Oct
Larimer County	Has submitted one large RFR. Need to get an update on all work - I believe this has been completed.	1-Aug
Lyons	RFR not submitted despite requesting it for 2 months. All work is complete. Need to start closeout ASAP.	30-Oct
Jamestown	5 RFRs have been submitted and paid. Paperwork needs to be retroactively completed. Was recipient of CDOT rock donation and need to complete paperwork. All work is completed. Need to begin closeout ASAP.	30-Oct
Colorado Springs	RFR currently being prepared for submission. Project will be complete by September 30.	30-Sep
Morgan County	Work went out to bid in August. Call has been placed to Bruce Bass to get update on project completion and RFR submission.	30-Oct
El Paso County	One RFR has been submitted and paid. Project is not yet complete.	30-Sep

Program Mitigation Planning
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Patricia Gavelda, Mitigation Planner

Update

DHSEM continues to make local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) a high priority by providing both technical and financial assistance. The DHSEM Mitigation Planner has assisted eligible HMP applicants with HMGP application development and continues to refine development of a State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP) HMGP application.

The Mitigation Planner is performing ongoing State reviews (currently 7 + 1 Regional plan [9 NE counties]) of new/updated local HMPs prior to FEMA submission, and expediting receipt of local HMP adoptions for final FEMA 5-year HMP approval. FEMA APA (Approval Pending Adoption) status was received for Grand County HMP on September 23, 2014. The Southeast Colorado Regional HMP (6 counties) was approved by FEMA on September 25, 2014.

Historic and Cultural Resources

Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin

Update

DHSEM is continuing its efforts to raise awareness of the importance of historic and cultural resources and the importance of including them in mitigation and recovery activities.

Cultural Resource Awareness for Emergency Personnel course announced:

- This course will provide emergency managers and first responders with an understanding of the vulnerabilities and complexities of cultural resources. It will also identify opportunities and challenges to effectively partner with the cultural heritage community to help them prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Examples of how Colorado has incorporated cultural and historic considerations during response and recovery into emergency management operations and recovery will be shared.
- Training will be held at the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority, 9155 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 9th
- Registration will be through www.co.train.org. Course ID: 1052816
- For help with CO.Train registration, contact michael.bean@state.co.us

Scott Baldwin from DHSEM and other national and local preservation leaders held “A Call to Action! Colorado’s Endangered Cultural Legacy” symposium on September 12, 2014. This event provided an important opportunity to collaborate and develop strategies and key messages aimed to educate constituents with a deeper understanding of the value of cultural legacy preservation and its role in society. Scott’s presentation discussed how DHSEM is actively trying to include cultural and historic resources into the emergency management structure and shared some past success stories.

Additional information about this symposium and links to the presentations can be found at [Watch video records of symposium presentations.](#)

Housing

Lead State Agency DOLA Division of Housing
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison

Program Update

No DHSEM activities to report this week.

Infrastructure

Program FHWA Emergency Relief (ER)
Lead State Agency Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Update

No DHSEM activities to report this week.

Program FEMA Public Assistance Program (PA)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Johan Barrios, Recovery Specialist

Guidance <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit/>

Update

The Public Assistance conference call was held on Friday, September 26th. Topics discussed included:

- Grant Agreement and Form 1 Document
- Common Issues Identified in Requests For Reimbursement (RFRs)
- Recommended Practices for RFR Submission

Program HUD CDBG-DR Infrastructure (CDBG-DR)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Jill Hart, Recovery Specialist
Guidance Action Plan - <http://dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr/content/action-plans>
Forms <http://dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr/content/impacted-areas>

Update

Round One applications are under review, and levels of environmental approval needed are being determined. Applicants will be contacted with requests for additional information and/or instructions on next steps in October.

Public Health

Lead State Agency CDPHE
DHSEM POC Johan Barrios, Recovery Specialist

Program Updates

No DHSEM activities to report this week.

Volunteer Coordination

Lead State Agency Colorado Recovery Office
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison

Update

- Recruitment of potential COVOAD Liaison to assist with regional/local VOAD's.
- Attended COVOAD Spiritual Care committee.
- Attended Colorado Volunteer Center network meeting in Larimer County.

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