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Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

October 28, 2014

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

Hernandez-Ibarra Family Home Dedication

Thrivent®
Builds



When: Saturday, November 8th 2014 at 2:00pm

Where: 112 N 21st Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631

Whom: GAHFH, Thrivent Builds, City of Greeley, Board Members, Committee Members and Community Volunteers, DDA

DHSEM would like to congratulate the Hernandez-Ibarra family on their new home! We would also like to express our appreciation to Habitat for Humanity, Thrivent Builds and Thrivent Financial for their support of this project.

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)

Program Update

- DHSEM is hosting a first Disaster Case Management (DCM)monitoring site visit on October 28-29, 2014. FEMA Headquarters and FEMA Region VIII are verifying that all the correct pieces are in place to lead the DCM program for the eleven counties declared eligible for Individual Assistance (IA) following the September 2013 flooding.

Debris Management

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

Program Update

- The first Debris Management Plan was submitted by Colorado Springs to FEMA for filing.
- Other debris plans are under review at the moment, the next on the list is El Paso County. Outreach and follow up to other regions and municipalities who have submitted draft debris plans will continue through December.

Economic and Community Recovery

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

Program Update

DHSEM liaisons continue their efforts to assist local community recovery efforts by answering questions about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program; assisting with Requests for Reimbursement (RFRs); and providing training and meeting with local stakeholders on various projects. The following are this week’s highlights:

- DHSEM, Manitou Springs and the Coalition for Upper South Platte (CUSP) met to discuss revisions of the Wildcat Gulch drainage improvement projects.
- DHSEM and the Town of Evans Recovery Manager Warren Jones met with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to clarify the landfill remediation issues for the berm located along the South Platte River near Riverside Park.
- Larimer County held a disaster recovery strategy session to determine which County projects are likely to move forward.
- The Town of Milliken was notified they will soon receive their “Notice to Proceed” letter requesting them to complete their Statement of Work and obtain appropriate signatures as the next step under CDBG-DR Round One funding.
- Stakeholders in the Fish Creek Road Infrastructure project discussed the work completed, scheduling and probable cost or recovery efforts.
- FEMA’s “Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role” course will be delivered in Leadville on October 29th.



PHOTO: Jim Raymond (DHSEM), Lori Hodges (Larimer County), Ann Miller and Waverly Claw (DOLA) and Terry Gilbert (Larimer County) meet to discuss community recovery.

- **Reminder of mandatory training for all Public Assistance applicants:**

The FEMA Disaster Procurement Assistance Team (DPAT) is providing training on the federal procurement and contracting requirements for all PA projects on the following dates:

| FEMA DPAT Training Sessions | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Date | Time |
| Wednesday, October 29, 2014 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 29, 2014 | 1-5 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 30, 2014 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 30, 2014 | 1-5 p.m. |

Please RSVP for the training session that you plan to attend by completing the FEMA DPAT Attendance Poll available at https://docs.google.com/a/state.co.us/forms/d/1er-v5AveApl02LGtqihyHSBlq35uWli1AwLyTbcfioY/edit?usp=drive_web

The training sessions will be held within Building 25 Auditorium at the Denver Federal Center, Lakewood, Colo. 80225. Guests should enter into the Denver Federal Center through Gate #1 off of Kipling Street. A government issued ID will be required. Once clear of security, take the first right on Second Street and proceed down to parking on either the east side of Building 20 or Building 25. Enter into building 25 through the east door E-4.

Environmental Recovery

DHSEM POC

Marilyn Gally, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Guidance

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

Program Update

- The Left Hand Watershed Coalition posted their master watershed plan on October 27th for one week of public review. The plan is available for comment at: <http://lefthandcreekmasterplan.com/>
- The newly formed Middle South Platte River Alliance held a mission development meeting in Evans on October 23rd. DHSEM, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Evans, Milliken, Ducks Unlimited and other stakeholders were in attendance.

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>

Program Update

- All HMGP applicants were notified of their application status by October 24th. Applications were placed into one of three categories:
 1. **Identified For Further Review** – The application was reviewed and the project specified has been recommended to move forward to be submitted to FEMA.
 2. **Fiscally Constrained/Insufficient Funding** – Application was determined eligible and is on the list for potential HMGP funding, but at this time is not identified for further review due to fiscal constraints. *(It is likely some of these applications will be submitted to FEMA as a backup project and the Authorized Agent will be instructed to further developed the application in anticipation of potential funding.)*
 3. **Not Selected to Move Forward** – The project is no longer being considered to receive DR-4145 HMGP funding due to ineligibility or insufficient information to adequately review the project.

- Applicants whose projects were identified for further review and/or fiscally constrained will be notified on which elements of their applications need to be further supported with additional documentation or which issues will need to be addressed prior to the award of funding. These notifications or Requests for Information (RFI) will be sent to applicants in the coming weeks. AMEC will be following up with applicants to obtain the requested information and incorporate it into their application or, if the application has already been submitted to FEMA to FEMA.

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/>

Program Update

- All NRCS grantees are reminded that their grants close on December 14, 2014.
- Estes Park and Larimer County are moving towards closing out their grants and completing all the closeout paperwork in the next two weeks.
- Request for reimbursement (RFRs) from Boulder County, Larimer County and Lyons are currently under review.
- DHSEM will submit two RFRs to NRCS during the week of October 27th.

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

Program Update

- Plan reviews and revisions are ongoing. Three Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Mitigation Assistance Program (MAP) request for reimbursement were submitted during the past 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/>

Program Update

- The following summarizes request for reimbursement (RFR) activities during the past two weeks:
 - 42 RFRs were submitted
 - 18 RFRs have been recommended for payment
 - 85 payments totaling \$3.7 million (including the federal and state shares) have been made
 - 16 request for scope changes were received bringing the total to 131 requests. Of the 16 most recent requests, 3 have been completed
- The total amount of RFRs is now at 514, of which 184 are complete. \$75.5 million is the total amount requested, \$66.6 million is considered initially eligible, \$25.3 million has been recommended for payment.
- Due to a recent injury, Jo Barrios will have limited mobility and is unable to attend any off site meetings for the next three to four weeks. Thank you for your patience!
- Next PA call 31 Oct - We will be discussing scope changes and some revisions that the State has made to the process.



Welcome back Jo. Get better soon.

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>
Program Update

The following table summarizes the current status of the CDBG-DR Program. Three additional Notice to Proceed letters (Award Letters) were sent out during the past week bringing the total projects to 11 worth \$1,655,072

| Infrastructure (\$19.4M) | Count | | Dollar Amount | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | This Week | Cumulative | This Week | Cumulative |
| Projects accepted through NOI | 0 | 53 | \$0 | \$17,781,861 |
| Applications Received | 0 | 54 | \$0 | \$18,707,578 |
| Award Letters | 3 | 11 | \$615,754 | \$1,655,072 |
| Under Contract | 0 | 0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Volunteer Coordination

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

- On October 21st, Boulder County (BoCo) Strong convened a countywide resilience building meeting to launch their first Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) group and strengthen regional connections. The award winning film "[This Time Next Year](#)," which tracks the resilience in the Long Beach Island, NJ community during the year after Hurricane Sandy was shown.
- Brethern Disaster Ministries is considering coming to Colorado in 2015 to do rebuilding and repair. We are working through the volunteer committees at each Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) to see what volume of work will still be needed in the spring. The skilled and unskilled labor will stay about ten to sixteen weeks and will need a facility for approximately eighteen cots plus two rooms which have a door. They provide their own food.
- On October 20th, the South Central VOAD held a tabletop workshop which tested the capabilities of voluntary organizations members and disaster management professionals. Discussion focused on when to trigger volunteer services; what service and support looks like; and principles for deploying and managing organized and unaffiliated volunteers. Lunch was provided by Woodmen Valley Chapel Response Team.



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