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## Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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### Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

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



Disaster Case Management Monitoring Team Visit: L-R Robyn Knappe, Sharon Meng, Susan Pederson, Trena Morse, Joan Cernich, Kathy O'Day, Phyllis Kane, Chuck Sullivan, Diane Elio (not pictured, Steve Boand, Emily Valora, Tjhan Sunghan, Dan Carlson, Marilyn Gally)

### 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

- The Individual Assistance (IA) Branch, Disaster Case Management (DCM) monitoring team from FEMA National HQ and Region VIII made a site visit to DHSEM on Oct. 28-29, 2014. The purpose of a monitoring visit is a preventative process to identify any gaps in grant management and share good grant management and grant oversight processes. Both the fiscal and programmatic side is examined. Lutheran Family Services (LFS) and Catholic Charities (CC) also participated as contracted case management agencies. The State was praised by FEMA for integrating the DCM staff with the non-DCM case management staff statewide. This is a reflection of the partnerships between Colorado's non-profits and government agencies focused on the mission of helping survivors after a disaster.

### Economic and Community Recovery

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

#### Program Update

- 214 state and local agency representatives from communities participating in the ongoing Public Assistance (PA) program and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) attended workshops offered by FEMA's Disaster Procurement Assistance Team (DPAT) on Oct. 30 and 31. This training provided participants with a valuable opportunity to ask questions and gain insights about these complex programs from FEMA's team of experts.



DPAT Training Session

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

**Program Update**

- Recovery Program Team members delivered the *Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role (G-270.4)* course in Lake County on Oct. 29. There were twenty-three participants came from Lake, Summit, and Otero counties, the Town of Leadville and St. Vincent Hospital. The training focused on issues and lessons learned from recent disasters in Colorado as an addition to the basic training. The training emphasized the development of local recovery plans using lessons-learned to better equip local governments to transition from response to short and long term recovery.

**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**

- Five hundred twenty-two (522) quarterly reports were reviewed and submitted to FEMA for Quarter Four. The timely submission of sub grantee reports was greatly appreciated and enabled the State to submit the overall report to FEMA on time.
- Seven (7) requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted in the last week.
- Twenty-nine (29) RFRs have been recommended for payment in the last week.
- The total amount of RFRs is now at 521, of which 199 are complete. \$80.0M is the total amount requested, \$70.1M is considered initially eligible, \$25.9 has been recommended for payment.
- There have been twenty-nine payments made in the last week for a total of \$1.9 million, including federal and state share.
- Four requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week bringing the total to 133 requests. Eight requests were completed in the last week.

- **Announcements:** Due to a recent injury Johan Barrios has limited mobility and is unable to attend any off site meetings for the next three to four weeks. Thank you for your patience!
- **Important Dates:** Next PA call is November 21, 2014.

**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. Two additional Notice to Proceed letters (Award Letters) were sent out during the past week bringing the total projects to 13.

	Count		Dollar Amount	
	This Week	Cumulative	This Week	Cumulative
<b>Infrastructure (\$19.4M)</b>				
Projects accepted through NOI	0	53	\$0	\$17,781,861
Applications Received	0	54	\$0	\$18,707,578
Award Letters	2	13	\$615,754	\$1,655,072
Under Contract	0	0	\$0	\$0

## 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

HMGP is open for five disasters: DRs 1762, 4067, 4133, 4134, and 4145.

- Letters conveying the final results of each HMGP application reviewed by the State Hazard Mitigation Team were sent to the application's primary and secondary contacts via email on October 17, 2014.
- Projects that are moving forward or in the fiscally constrained category should respond promptly to the Request for Information (RFI) and coordinate with their AMEC point of contact. We encourage applications that were not selected to move forward to be retained by sub-applicants for future HMGP opportunities.
- DHSEM's Mitigation staff attended the FEMA Disaster Procurement Assistance Team (DPAT) training at the Federal Center recently in support of communities receiving federal grant assistance. Slides from the presentation will be sent by FEMA staff to those who signed the attendance sheet at the training.
- DHSEM Mitigation staff met with experts from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Region VIII, FEMA Region VIII, and the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Division of Housing recently. The highly productive discussion helped the DHSEM strategize and coordinate with state and federal partners for the Uniform Relocation Act (URA) regarding HMGP & CDBG-DR.
- **Tip of the Week:** Are you familiar with the FEMA Request for Information (RFI) process? Review pages fifty-seven (57) and fifty-eight (58) of the HMA Guidance for helpful tips and overview of the timelines expected in the FEMA RFI process.

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

**Program Update**

- Colorado Springs, Longmont, Platte Canyon and Woodland Park submitted their quarterly reports. Requests for \$325,228 in reimbursement on five pre-disaster mitigation projects were received and are being processed.

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

**Program Update**

- Adams County's Integrated Comprehensive/Mitigation Plan received official FEMA approval on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Ouray County's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update received Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status from FEMA on Oct. 29, 2014.
- The Potential Consultant List for local HMP development has been updated and is posted on the DHSEM website.
- Plan reviews and revisions are ongoing, as well as procuring adoptions for plans in current APA status.

## Volunteer Coordination

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

**Program Update**

- The Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6 Emergency Feeding Committee met on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> to continue the development of the Emergency Feeding Annex for the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP). This committee was started during the 2013 floods. We anticipate the annex will be completed by January 2015.



The ESF 6 Feeding Committee Meeting

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