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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.



House In A Box Volunteers

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

- House in a Box tops **one hundred homes** outfitted with household furnishings.

- *House in a Box (HIB)*, a St. Vincent's de Paul National Program, has collaborated with community support organizations to offer new furniture, box springs and mattresses, dinette sets and essential household items like pots, pans and dishes, sheets and towels to meet the needs of families following the 2013 floods. Collaboration and cooperation between the following organizations made HIB in Weld County a reality.
 - The local and National Catholic Charities ministries were immediately involved in the support of survivors of the flood and performed case management to determine the needs for HIB assistance.
 - Case managers under FEMA's Grant Disaster Case Management Program and from faith-based organizations assessed the victims unmet needs and made referrals.
 - The United Way of Weld County is assisting in disaster coordination and assisting with funding through *Weld Recovers*.
 - Hensel Phelps, a national construction company, with only an hour's notice, brought equipment to the warehouse to unload the semi-trucks full of furniture.
 - The National Emergency Grant that provided warehouse management staff organized inventory and the distribution of household goods.
 - Generous community leadership has donated two warehouses for twelve months and staff support for inventory management.
 - St. Vincent's de Paul of Denver provided months of support to meet local needs.
 - Multiple volunteers from the Knights of Columbus helped with the unloading and distribution of goods to families.
 - Sealy Tempur-Pedic donated two hundred twelve mattresses and the Denver Mattress factory built and donated the box springs.
 - It is a local, state and national partnership that made HIB a success for one hundred Weld County families to date!

- Individual Assistance (IA) staff participated in a conference call as FEMA explained a few new IA options for 2015. The options discussed pertain to the way calculations are made for childcare and funeral assistance.

Donations Management

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Program Update

- We continue to review existing software and their products to choose a program for the donations management on helpcoloradonow.org website.

Economic and Community Recovery

Lead State Agency DOLA

DHSEM POC Steve Boand, Recovery Manager

Program Update

- The Town of Milliken's reimbursement request for \$19,124.95 is being processed by DHSEM.
- DHSEM staff continue to support planning for the South Platte, St. Vrain Creek, and Left Hand Creek watersheds.
- DHSEM staff participated in the Planning for Resilient Communities workshop sponsored by FEMA and DOLA in Glenwood Springs on Nov 3rd.

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 Activities are ongoing; nothing significant to report this week.

- Twenty-one requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted in the last week. Seventeen RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at five hundred forty-six (546), of which two hundred sixteen (216) are complete and one hundred sixteen (116) are with the Sub-grantees. The total amount requested is \$84 million, \$74 million is considered initially eligible, \$26.5 million has been recommended for payment. There have been thirteen payments made in the last week for a total of \$388 thousand, including federal and state share. Three requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week bringing the total to one hundred thirty-six (136) requests. Six requests were completed in the last week.
- **Announcements:** Due to a recent injury Johan Barrios is unable to attend any off site meetings for the next three to four weeks. Thank you for your patience!
- **Important Dates:** The 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 Activities are ongoing; nothing significant to report this week.

- DHSEM held a pre-bid meeting for contractors interested in bidding on the RFP. Proposals are due November 18.
- The following table summarizes the current status of the CDBG-DR Program. Two additional letters describing next steps (moving into the environmental and historic preservation review process) were sent out during the past week bringing the total number of projects to fifteen.

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	2	15	\$569,646	\$2,224,718
Under Contract	0	0	\$0	\$0



HMGP/CDBG-DR Project Support Bidders Conference on November 3

Housing

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

Program Update

- Staff participated in the Housing Recovery Support Function (RSF) phone call to coordinate information between DOLA, DHSEM and FEMA regarding those families still living in mobile home units (MHUs).

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.
 - Sub-applicants who have received state Requests for Information (RFIs) are strongly encouraged to respond promptly and coordinate with their AMEC point of contact to reduce extended delays in the HMGP application process.
 - More than 60% of the applications identified to move forward in the HMGP process have been submitted to FEMA and will have sixty (60) days to respond to any FEMA Requests for Information (RFIs). Any official communication from FEMA to sub-applicants will be sent by DHSEM via email (cdps_mitigation_grants@state.co.us).
 - Mitigation & Recovery staff participated in panel interviews for the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). Staff provided subject matter expertise and technical documentation to support the EMAP reaccreditation of DHSEM.
 - Mitigation & Recovery staff participated as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for the Pre-Bid, Request For Proposal (RFP) meeting for contractors in support of the HMGP and CDBG-DR programs.
- **Tip of the Week:** What do you know about federal grant procurement requirements? The FEMA Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT) provided training sessions for federal grant recipients recently, including sample language provided by FEMA for contract provisions. These resources will also be available on CO.EMGrants.com within the [Other State Guidance](#) for future reference.

Volunteer Coordination

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

Program Update

- Grant extensions were approved to assist Boulder, Larimer and Weld counties with a total of two (2) volunteer coordinators.

General Team News

We're moving! By the end of November 2014, all onsite DHSEM Mitigation and Recovery staff will be relocated to the third floor of the South Metro Fire Rescue Building. There is no reception area on the third floor so before meetings please continue to check in on the second floor at the front desk to announce your arrival. All phone numbers will remain the same.

We are currently interviewing potential candidates for Project and Finance Specialist (“The Cadre”) positions. To date the State has made several offers and those candidates that have accepted have been put into the background check and polygraph process. We continue to interview additional candidates.

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