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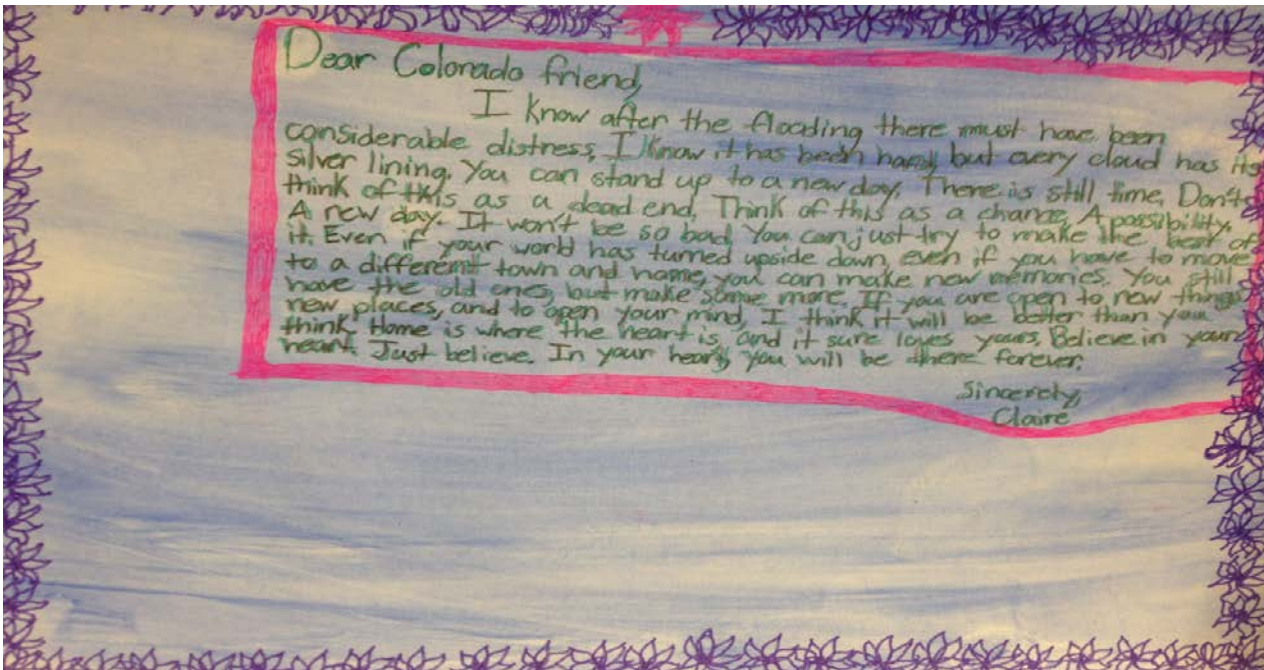
Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

January 13, 2015

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



A photo of a letter to a flood survivor: "Dear Colorado friend, I know after the flooding there must have been considerable distress. I know it has been hard, but every cloud has its silver lining. You can stand up to a new day. There is still time. Don't think of this as a dead end, Think of this as a chance, A possibility, A new day. It won't be so bad. You can just try to make the best of it. Even if your world has turned upside down, even if you have to move to a different town and home, you can make new memories. You still have the old ones, but make some more. If you are open to new things, new places, and open your mind, I think it will be better than you think. Home is where the heart is and it sure loves yours. Believe in your heart. Just believe. In your heart, you will be there forever. Sincerely, Claire"

Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

Program	FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)
Lead State Agency	DHSEM
DHSEM POC	Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Program Update	

- This week FEMA will hand deliver the "End of Program" letters to the residents remaining in the FEMA Mobile Home Units (MHUs). There are approximately ten (10) residents statewide remaining in the units. The MHU

program will end March 2015. A notification is required sixty (60) days prior to the end of the FEMA MHU program.

- We appreciate all the help and partnership with FEMA to administer the mobile home unit program. We have worked hand in glove to meet the temporary, transitional and permanent housing needs of Colorado flood survivors.

Donations Management

DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)

Program Update

- Vendor outreach continues. The company "Good 360" is investing in a donations tool that may be the lowest cost of all the vendors. They have corporate funding from the UPS Foundation. We are developing a requirements list to be presented next 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>

Program Update

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

- The Mitigation team has submitted 89 HMGP applications to FEMA. These applications will be reviewed in their entirety within 45 days and a FEMA Request for Information (RFI) will be communicated to the sub-applicant via DHSEM email.
- Sub-applicant responses to FEMA RFIs within 30 days are mandatory. Failure to respond to a FEMA RFI within the required deadline can jeopardize project funding and/or result in final project denial.
- The Mitigation team is excited to announce a Grant Award to Denver Mountain Parks related to DR-4067-CO. The \$277,995 grant funds will support fire mitigation activities within Genesee Park, located in Jefferson County encompassing approximately 112 acres. The objective of the project is to decrease wildfire hazards by reducing tree densities, removing flammable fuels, and modifying forest structures in order to protect life and property surrounding our mountain parks.
- **Tip of the Week:** Are you informed? To receive the latest Mitigation information and news visit coemergency.com.

Program Mitigation Planning

Lead State Agency DHSEM

DHSEM POC Patricia Gavelda, Mitigation Planner

Program Update

- Completed review of Arapahoe County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) - sent to FEMA for review on January 13, 2015.
- Two HMPs received and currently under State review (Fremont and Mesa).
- Received one additional adoption from Summit County (14 of 17 received to date as of January 13, 2015).
- Three HMPs remain in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (Summit, Grand, Teller).
- Four HMPs in local planning process and will be submitted for State review soon.
- Ouray County HMP Update received final FEMA approval on January 5, 2015.

- Received notification on January 12, 2015 from FEMA identifying required revisions to the NE Region HMP Update.

Infrastructure

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

- In the last week, thirty (30) requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and sixteen (16) RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 728, of which 336 are recommended for payment and 157 were returned to the Subgrantees for additional information. The remaining 235 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$106.8 million, and \$95.1 million is considered initially eligible. \$37.6 million has been recommended for payment and \$21.4 million has been returned to Subgrantees for additional information.
- Six requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and ten requests were either completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 192 of which 123 are completed or deferred to closeout, and twenty-six (26) were returned to the Subgrantees for additional information. The remaining forty-three (43) are in progress.
- There have been forty-five (45) payments made in the last week for a total of \$1.8 million, including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**
 - Next PA call will be January 30, 2015 at 9 a.m. Call in information and presentation will be sent out prior to the call.
 - As discussed on the last call, the State will be releasing information on force account labor (FAL) costs and cost reasonableness. The release of this information was delayed due to programmatic changes being discussed with FEMA. We hope to have this guidance ready in the coming weeks.
 - The hiring of project specialists and finance specialists is still in progress. All interviews were conducted, and State staff is moving applicants forward in the background check process.
- **Important Dates:** Quarterly Reports are due January 15, 2015. Time extensions for permanent work projects are due February 14, 2015.

Program HUD CDBG-DR Infrastructure (CDBG-DR)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Justine Willman, 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

- CDBG-DR Infrastructure Guidelines and Notice of Intent (NOIs) / Application are posted on the DOLA CDBG-DR website. Round Two NOI's are due by 5 p.m. on February 13, 2015 and Applications will be due by 5 p.m. on May 29, 2015. See www.dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr for a link to the online Notice of Intent / Application and supporting documents.
- The following table summarizes the grant award status of the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program:

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	\$17,551,905
Award Letters	0	50	0	\$15,416,218

- Ongoing CDBG-DR activities include:
 - Working on acquisition contract for Jamestown.
 - Working on Fish Creek Utilities contract for the Town of Estes Park and the Upper Thompson Sanitation District.

Public Health

Lead State Agency CDPHE
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison
Program Updates

Natural Disaster Grant Fund Request for Applications

- A request for applications for this fund was previously released in June 2014. Applications were reviewed, prioritized and awarded but the total award was less than the available funds. This request for applications is being reissued in order to solicit additional eligible projects to which the remaining funds can be awarded.
- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, is now accepting applications for funding as a result of HB14-1002 and has issued an official request for applications. The deadline for submitting applications is 2 p.m. on January 21, 2015.
- The request for application can be accessed at the following link:
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/water-quality-natural-disaster-grants>
- If you have difficulties with the link or opening the request for application files, please reply to this email, or contact Tawnya Reitz by email at tawnya.reitz@state.co.us or by phone at 303-692-3606.

Volunteer Coordination

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Program Update

- A draft newsletter was presented at the Tri-County Volunteer meeting January 9, 2015. February 1, 2015 is the launch date for a statewide Disaster Volunteer Newsletter under the HelpColoradoNow.org banner. Metro Volunteers is coordinating the newsletter and deadlines of the 20th of every month were established. The construction managers are also going to be invited to the monthly Tri-County (Boulder, Larimer and Weld counties) meetings.

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