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## Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

### 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.*

### 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 eighty-nine (89) HMGP applications to FEMA. These applications will be reviewed in their entirety within forty-five (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 thirty 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 meeting with Denver Mountain Parks related to the DR-4067-CO grant award supporting fire mitigation activities to discuss project coordination and management activities.
- The grant agreement for our first acquisition/flood mitigation project in El Paso County has been submitted for final signatures.
- **Tip of the Week:** Are you informed? To receive the latest Mitigation information and news visit [coemergency.com](http://coemergency.com).

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

- There are currently nine in-progress PDM projects. Seven addition PDM projects are in the close-out process.
- FEMA has granted a one-year extension for a flood mitigation project on Westerly Creek in Aurora and a Change of Scope for a flood mitigation project in Windsor during the past week. PDM subgrantees are reminded that fourth quarter 2014 reports were due on January 20, 2015.

### Infrastructure

**Program** FEMA Public Assistance Program (PA)  
**Lead State Agency** DHSEM

**DHSEM POC**  
**Guidance**  
**Program Update**

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

- In the last week, twenty (20) requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and sixteen (16) RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 754, of which 351 are recommended for payment and 157 were returned to the Subgrantees for additional information. The remaining 246 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$110.2 million, and \$100.1 million is considered initially eligible. \$38.5 million has been recommended for payment and \$21.5 million has been returned to Subgrantees for additional information.
- Six requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and six requests were either completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 198 of which 128 are completed or deferred to closeout, and twenty-eight (28) were returned to the Subgrantees for additional information. The remaining forty-two (42) are in progress.
- There have been nineteen (19) payments made in the last week for a total of \$1.0 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 were due January 15, 2015. If you have not yet submitted, please do so as soon as possible. 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 2 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](http://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 Boulder County (Jamestown), DOLA is reviewing and will give approval to send out to the Grantee.

- Working on Fish Creek Utilities contract for Town of Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District.
- Working on contract for Manitou Springs, will send to DOLA next week for their review and approval to send to Grantee.
- DHSEM will hold two applicant assistance teleconference calls on:
  - Friday, January 23, 2015 at 9 a.m.
  - Friday, February 6, 2015 at 9 a.m.

The telephone call in number is [1-877-820-7831](tel:1-877-820-7831) Participant code: 522939#

## Volunteer Coordination

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

- **What is a VOAD?**
  - A Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (VOAD) is a community group comprised of non-profit organizations that are 501(C) (3) IRS tax status and have an active role in one of more phases of a disaster. This can be expanded to include community members. VOAD's often serve year-round in disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. When a disaster happens of magnitude that requires a Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG), the VOAD can recruit from the existing agencies that have a disaster mission along with other community leaders or agencies. Or, an Unmet Needs Committee can be attached to the VOAD in another model that is currently being utilized by the South Central Region VOAD.
- **Boulder VOAD Kick Off January 15, 2015**
  - The inaugural meeting of the Boulder VOAD was held on January 15, 2015 at St. Paul's Methodist Church. Approximately 50 people attended. The CEO of Boulder Flood Relief, Tiernan Doyle, stepped up to organize the VOAD meetings. They recruited an interim executive planning team and are very interested in involving all parts of Boulder County to include towns, cities and jurisdictions. They agreed by consensus that the members would like to work together and brainstorm many things they want their VOAD to be. More development on operating procedures and future mission will be forthcoming. Congratulations to the local Boulder VOAD!



The inaugural meeting of the Boulder VOAD held on January 15, 2015 at St. Paul's Methodist



Speaker at the inaugural meeting of the Boulder VOAD

- **Larimer county Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) and VOAD:**
  - It is that time of the disaster where things are changing. The team said good bye to some folks that are leaving this month or next. They welcomed the Mountain Outreach Team of 8 people which has been repurposed from the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) grant to a Larimer outreach and support team (shown in the Blue shirts). They are financially underwritten by the Larimer County Commissioners and LTRG funds but hope to get grant funds also. Laura Levy, Chair of the LTRG and the Larimer county VOAD, has been extremely busy with the startup. They held a VOAD meeting on January 15, 2015 and hosted the emergency manager as a speaker with her concept presented of a "recovery Center." More details to come.



Lori Hodges speaking at the Larimer VOAD meeting on January 15, 2015.

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