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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.



L-R: Jeff Webb (City of Colorado Springs), Sean Settle (DHSEM), Coleman Miller (Amec Foster-Wheeler), Sarah Bryarly (City of Colorado Springs), and Kerry Webster (DHSEM, not pictured) inspect a proposed Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project along the Manitou Incline in Manitou Springs, CO.

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	

- Individual Assistance (IA)
 - On February 9, 2015, the last few families were issued "30 Day End of Program" letters from FEMA. We currently still have eight families in Mobile Home Units (MHUs). The Disaster Case Managers and Supervisors are working with their counterparts in human services and housing divisions to seek solutions for all remaining families. This outreach started in September 2014. In addition, the Long Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs) and Unmet Needs Committees for Boulder, Weld and Larimer counties have been involved to provide financial support as needed. Final arrangements are being made to quickly transition individuals and families to temporary or permanent housing.
- Disaster Case Management (DCM)
 - Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) Disaster Coordinators, Dale and Jean Percy from Hillsboro, Ohio came to Fort Collins, Colorado to teach a workshop called, "Long Term Recovery When Rebuilding Is Involved." on February 3, 2015. We were very lucky to have them as the statewide workshop was excellent with real examples and a wealth of experience imparted on repair and rebuilding.
 - The workshop focused on the interface between case managers and construction managers, respective roles and responsibilities, and familiarized case managers with the components of construction and rebuilding. Approximately fifty people were in attendance.
 - We greatly appreciate the Fort Collins Redeemer Lutheran Church and Pastor Tim Runtsch for hosting this event and providing lunch without charge!



The "Long Term Recovery When Rebuilding Is Involved." workshop held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Collins.

Behavioral Health

Program FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP)
Lead State Agency Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Guidance [Program Overview](#)
Program Update

- On February 5, 2015, the Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (COVOAD) Spiritual Care subcommittee met to discuss training qualifications for spiritual care providers. The National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) Disaster Spiritual Care guidelines were ratified in 2014 and the

Colorado group is using the NVOAD base document to drive the Colorado plan. We have the opportunity to have a trainer come to Colorado in May 2015. The training requirements need to be robust and match the National standards. The committee does not endorse one training over another, but we want the core competencies to be detailed. Robyn Knappe developed a Train-the-Trainer application which will be finalized via email detailing the criteria agreed upon by the Spiritual Care Committee. The committee wanted additional requirements as a part of the application process. This application must be distributed quickly to allow for enough time to ensure adequate vetting and qualifications are met by the May training date.

- If anyone would like a copy of the National VOAD Guidelines, please contact Jonathan Gunderson, jonathan.gunderson@state.co.us, at CDPHE, Behavioral Health, who is also supporting the committee. For more information on the training, please contact robyn.knappe@state.co.us.

Donations Management

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

Program Update

- Research continues into finding Colorado's best solution for replacing the National Donations Management Network (NDMN) Donations tool. There is a temporary solution in place.

Hazard Mitigation

Program FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Lead State Agency DHSEM

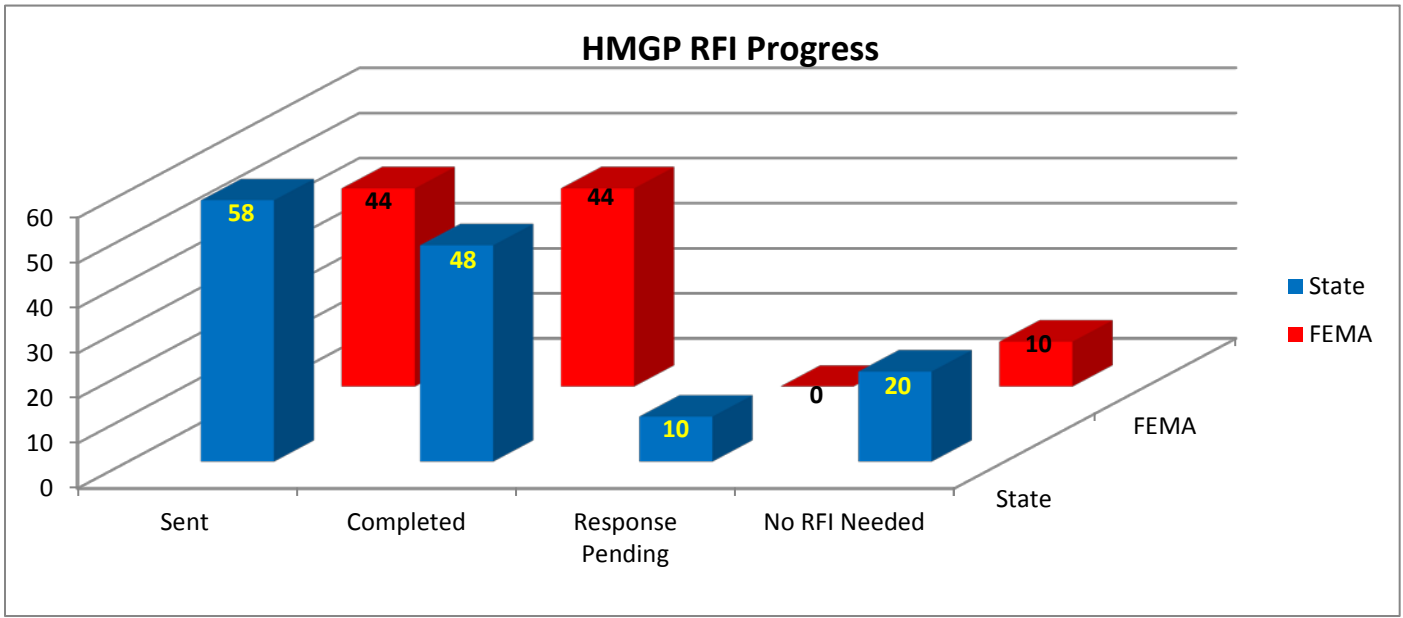
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin, Mitigation Specialist

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 seventy-two HMGP applications to FEMA for formal review. Based on the FEMA six-month HMGP estimate, twenty-one applications fell below the original fiscal constraint line. These applications remain to be submitted to FEMA while the State is reviewing applications and developing the State Request for Information (RFIs). The remaining applications will be submitted to FEMA at the end of February and March. The State is determining application completeness prior to submitting, and those that are the most complete will be submitted first. Sub-applicants in this second pool will be notified when their application is formally submitted to FEMA for review.
- If a FEMA RFI is generated, it 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.



- Monthly HMGP conference calls are resuming for current HMGP sub-applicants. These calls will be on the second Friday of the month at 9 a.m. to discuss program and HMGP process updates. The first call is scheduled for this Friday, February 13, 2015, with call-in and agenda information emailed directly to current sub-applicants.
- The Mitigation team met with the City of Colorado Springs - Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services last week to discuss and inspect a proposed infrastructure improvement project at the Manitou Incline.



Location of the proposed HMGP project along the Manitou Incline in Manitou Springs, Colo.

- **Are you curious about your HMGP application?** The Mitigation team will be reaching out to sub-applicants over the next two weeks to discuss the progress of your HMGP application(s) and answer any questions you may have. Your patience is greatly appreciated during this process and we look forward to speaking with you soon.
- **Tip of the Week:** Are you informed? To receive the latest Mitigation information and news visit coemergency.com.

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

- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
 - On February 5, 2015, the City of Aurora held its construction kick-off meeting for a flood mitigation project on Westerly Creek. The project will include channel improvements and the replacement of box culverts under Montview Boulevard. These improvements will remove forty-eight existing structures from the 100 year floodplain and reduce street flooding on Montview Boulevard. The City of Aurora will receive \$2,234,898 in federal FMA grant funds to assist with this project.



Aurora Public Works team at Westerly Creek



Montview Boulevard box culvert to be replaced on Westerly Creek

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

- Two Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) are under State review (Fremont & Mesa)
- Four local HMPs are currently in Approval Pending Adoption (APA) status (Summit, Grand, Teller, Hinsdale)
- DHSEM received an additional adoption from Grand County (3 of 14 adoptions as of February 9, 2015)
- Two additional County HMPs will be submitted for State review soon (El Paso & Costilla)
- Two county HMPs are in the planning process (Boulder and Douglas)
- DHSEM received the final adoption from Prowers County for the SE Region HMP (19 total adopting jurisdictions)
- DHSEM is preparing DR-4145-CO planning grant contracts and award letters for thirteen (13) jurisdictions

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, twelve requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and twenty-seven (27) RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 799, of which 425 are recommended for payment and 149 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 225 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$116.6M, and \$99.9M is considered initially eligible. \$46.0M has been

recommended for payment, \$23.6M has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$30.3M is still in progress.

- Seven requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and ten were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 210 of which 139 are completed or deferred to closeout, and thirty-four (34) were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining thirty-seven are in progress.
- Sixty-four payments totaling \$3.0M in federal and state funds were made in the last week
- **Announcements:**
 - Next PA call will be February 27, 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, conditional offers have been made to eligible applicants, and State staff is moving applicants forward in the background check process.
- **Important Dates:** Time extension requests 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 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:
 - Acquisition contract for Boulder County (Jamestown) went out for signature on January 28, 2015. A few minor corrections were made and the contract was sent back out for signature on February 5, 2015.
 - Working on Fish Creek Utilities contract for Town of Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District. DOLA has finished their review for Town of Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District; minor changes need to be made.
 - Contract for Manitou Springs was sent out for signature on February 5, 2015.
 - Contract for Milliken was sent out for signature on February 5, 2015.
 - Working on contract for Nederland, will send to DOLA for their review next week.
 - Working on contract for City of Evans.
 - Working on additional contract for Upper Thompson Sanitation District.

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Volunteer Coordination

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

- **Did you know?**
 - The Colorado Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (CSBDR) has a menu of services that includes: feeding, trained chainsaw crews, shower/laundry, chaplaincy/spiritual care, child care, clean up/debris removal, mold mitigation, communications/mobile command, mud out/ash out, clean up kits, repair and rebuild, long term recovery, generators-45K and light generators, heavy equipment and more. Almost all of their work is done through volunteers who have been trained, have completed background checks and have been credentialed. The CSBDR chaplains attend a minimum of 36 hours of training for disaster relief to include spiritual care and critical incident stress management.

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