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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.



Joan Cernich, Boulder County Disaster Case Management Supervisor, at the Red Cross Heroes Soiree.

Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

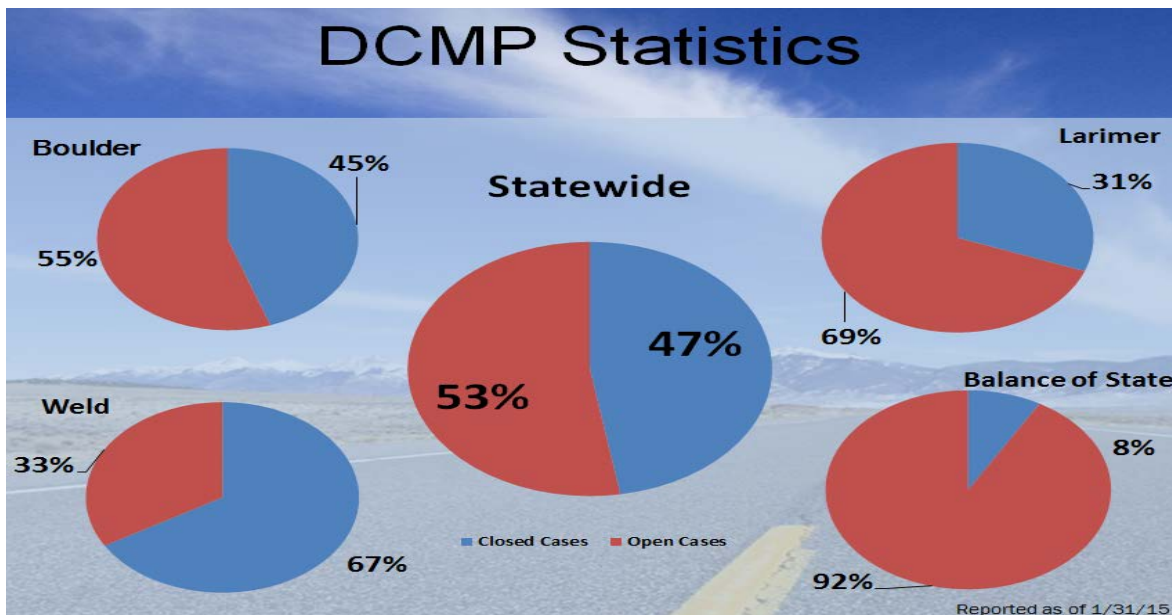
Program FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Program Update

- Disaster Case Management (DCM)
 - At the recent Red Cross Heroes Soiree, Joan Cernich, Disaster Case Management Supervisor for Boulder County, was named the Mile High Chapter's 2014 Volunteer of the Year. The Chapter's annual Everyday Heroes Fund Raiser event in Denver was hosted by Reggie Rivers and Gloria Neal, and the speakers included Red Cross Regional CEO Gino Greco and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock. The event was attended by some 850 community-leaders, guests from the military, various emergency services, emergency management, and other award honorees from various communities and walks of life. Ms.

Cernich was honored for her “incredible and tireless work” on behalf of the Red Cross. Joan has volunteered for the Red Cross for twelve years and she began serving Boulder County’s 2013 flood survivors as a volunteer case manager. In mid-2014, she joined Catholic Charities as Case Management Supervisor for Boulder County under the Disaster Case Management Grant. Congratulations to Joan for this prestigious award!

- Progress pie charts will be distributed monthly. The following figures capture all closed and all open cases per disaster case management center, and also include a statewide overview:

	Total Cases	Closed Cases	Open Cases
Boulder	1054	471	583
Larimer	270	83	187
Weld	499	332	167
Balance of State	60	5	55
Total cases	1883	891	992



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

- Received both local Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) adoptions from Hinsdale County, and submitted to FEMA for final approval on March 3, 2015.
- State required revisions to Fremont County HMP received on March 3, 2015; additional review will take place prior to sending to FEMA for Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status this week.
- Park County HMP received APA status from FEMA on March 4, 2015.

- FEMA final HMP five-year approval letters being prepared for Summit and Hinsdale.
- Two local HMPs remain in APA status (Grand and Teller).
- FEMA required revisions to the Northeast Regional Plan will be addressed at Northeast Regional Meeting; workshop scheduled for March 10, 2015.
- Three additional HMPs will be submitted for State review soon (El Paso, Boulder, Costilla).
- One County HMP in planning process (Douglas).
- DR-4145-CO planning grant contracts and award letters for thirteen jurisdictions were sent to DHSEM Grants & Finance (six were sent March 6, 2015 and seven were sent March 9, 2015) for official distribution to locals.

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, eleven requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and twenty-eight RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 846, of which 522 are recommended for payment and 169 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 155 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$122.2 million, and \$107 million is considered initially eligible. \$56.1 million has been recommended for payment, \$25.9 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$40.2 million is still in progress.
- Six requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and three were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 234 of which 152 are completed or deferred to closeout, and forty-seven were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining thirty-five are in progress.
- There have been thirty-three payments made in the last week for total of \$568,000, including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**
 - Next PA call will be March 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. Two existing DHSEM employees were transferred over into these positions, and one new hire began March 2, 2015. Another new hire is scheduled to begin on March 23, 2015. The remaining candidates are in the background process.
- **Important Dates:** The timeline for completion of permanent work is March 14, 2015, unless an extension has been granted.

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

- Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Guidelines and Notice of Intent (NOIs) / Application are posted on the DOLA CDBG-DR website. 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. Received grant contract back from Boulder County and forwarded to DOLA for final execution on February 18, 2015.
 - Contract for Milliken was received back from Grantee and sent to DOLA for final execution on February 18, 2015.
 - Contract for Nederland was sent to DOLA for their review on February 18, 2015.
 - Contract for City of Boulder was sent to DOLA for their review on February 27, 2015.
 - Contract for City of Evans was sent to DOLA for their review on February 27, 2015. Additional contract for City of Evans was sent to DOLA for review on March 6, 2015.
 - Fish Creek Utilities contract for Town of Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District was sent out for Grantee's signature. Received grant contracts back and forwarded to DOLA for final execution on March 4, 2015.
 - Contract for Manitou Springs was received back from Grantee and sent to DOLA for final execution. Manitou Springs contract has a few minor changes being made as of March 5, 2015.
 - Contract for Larimer County was sent to DOLA on March 5, 2015 for review.
 - Working on contract for Town of Lyons – St. Vrain Creek Restoration Project.
 - Working on additional contract for Upper Thompson Sanitation District.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - DHSEM is evaluating the NOIs for the second round of CDBG-DR funding in the Recover Colorado Infrastructure Program. Funding requests total more than \$120 million. Eligibility and NOI evaluations are on-going. Notifications to NOI Applicants on the projects that have been selected to move to full application will be made the week of March 16, 2015.

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