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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.



Weld County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD): Liaison Art Storey discusses basic information ideas.

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)
 - On March 17-18, 2015, the Disaster Case Management (DCM) Team visited the Larimer Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) and Weld Recovers offices. These offices house our DCM program staff in the two counties. The monitoring visits to each were the first by our entire group and the team met with DCM supervisors, case managers, construction managers and data/administrative staff. In addition, the team met non-DCM case managers working in both locations. Key discussion points included staffing and caseloads, outreach, facility and equipment concerns, and the increase in construction activity anticipated in the months ahead. The construction discussions focused on CDBG-DR funding and activity, the influx of volunteer groups, and the use of Habitat for Humanity. In addition, case records

and utilization of the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) were reviewed. The dedication and commitment of staff to serving their clients was clearly evident in both counties. The team will visit the Boulder Long Term Flood Recovery Group office in Longmont on April 2, 2015.

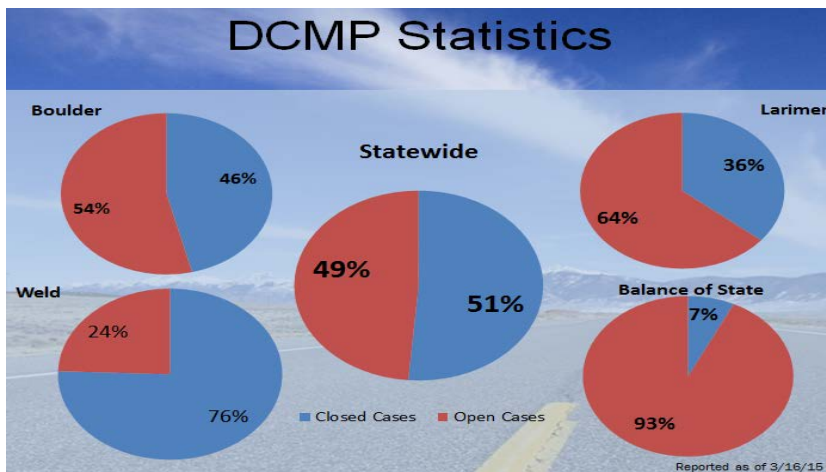


Larimer Long Term Recovery Group



Weld Recovers Group

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



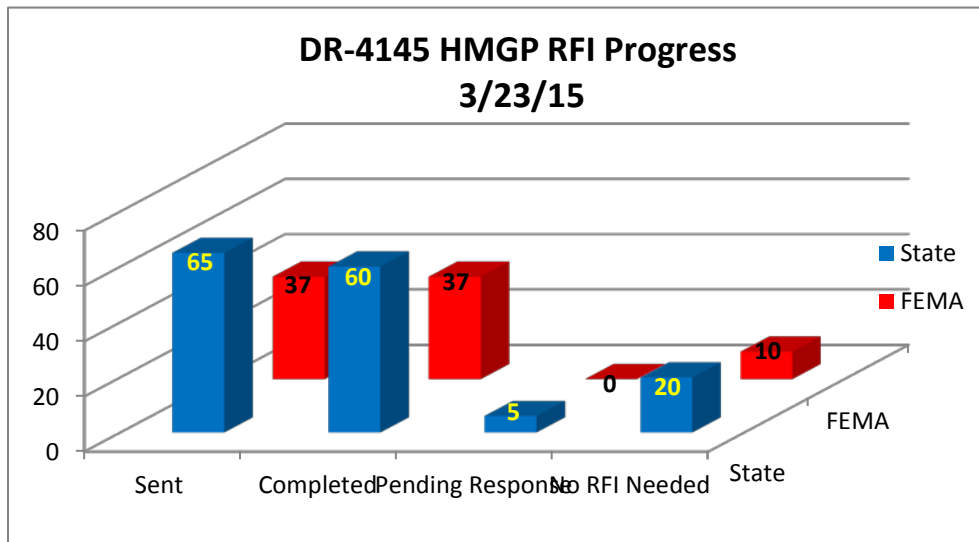
Hazard Mitigation

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 ninety-two HMGP applications to FEMA for formal review. There are only five applications that remain to be submitted to FEMA. The remaining applications will be submitted to FEMA at the end of 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 in thirty days are **mandatory**. Sub-applicants are highly advised to provide their FEMA RFI response to the State within fourteen calendar days of receipt. This will allow for State review and comment prior to FEMA submission. Failure to provide responses to the State within the fourteen-day period will result in responses being sent to FEMA without review. Failure to respond to a FEMA RFI within the thirty-day deadline will result in project removal from the HMGP. Projects can only be reinstated in the HMGP through an extended appeal process.
- The graph below is for Disaster 4145 only. The State RFI process has been completed for all other open disasters.



- State Mitigation & Recovery staff members attended the National Emergency Managers Association (NEMA) Mid-Year forum this past week. The forum was an opportunity to share ideas with state and federal emergency management representatives from around the United States, as well as incorporate the growing needs of our individual and collective stakeholders
- Monthly HMGP conference calls will be held on the second Friday of the month at 9 a.m. to discuss HMGP program and process updates. The next call is scheduled for Friday, April 10, 2015, with call-in and agenda information emailed directly to current sub-applicants.
- Weekly HMGP acquisition conference calls will be held every Thursday at 1 p.m. This call presents the sub-grantee a great opportunity to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the acquisition process.
- Bi-weekly 5% & Generator conference calls will begin Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 10 a.m. Sub-applicants are encouraged to attend to learn more about project specific information and the State Grant Agreement process.
- The firm MB3 is on site this week to discuss the software EMGrants Pro, which is a web-based software that assists in tracking and accelerating the emergency management process. The State will be meeting with MB3 all week to discuss HMGP and CBBR-DR software implementation.

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

- Submitted Mesa County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update to FEMA for review on March 17, 2015.
- Awaiting Boulder County's final FEMA Review Tool from local jurisdiction; initial State Review has begun with current incomplete Review Tool.
- Three local HMPs remain in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (6 of 14 adoptions for Grand County; 0 of 4 adoptions for Teller County; 0 of 6 adoptions for Park County).
- Northeast Region HMP Update FEMA-required revisions in process by contractor and Northeast regional representatives.
- Expected to receive El Paso County HMP Update and FEMA Review Tool for State review in by the end of March 2015.
- Costilla County Comprehensive Plan / HMP Update and FEMA Review Tool should be submitted for State Review in May 2015.
- One County HMP in planning process (Douglas).

- DHSEM provided technical assistance as requested by various HMGP Planning Grant and other local mitigation planning jurisdictions, as well as interface with FEMA and DHSEM staff.

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/
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- In the last week, nine requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and thirty-three RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 870, of which 584 are recommended for payment and 165 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 121 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$124.4 million, and \$106.6 million is considered initially eligible. \$67.2 million has been recommended for payment, \$24.2 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$33.0 million is still in progress.
- Nine requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and five were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 244 of which 163 are completed or deferred to closeout, and forty-two were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining thirty-nine are in progress.
- There have been forty-six payments made in the last week for total of \$3.6 million, 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 two new hires began in March. The remaining candidates are in the background process.

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
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- 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
Under Contract	5	0	\$578,342.13	\$578,342.13

- Ongoing CDBG-DR activities include:
 - Contract for Nederland was sent to DOLA for their review on February 18, 2015. Sent out for Grantee signature on March 19, 2015.
 - Contract for City of Boulder was sent to DOLA for their review on February 27, 2015. Received comments back and need to make a few minor corrections.
 - 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 18, 2015.
 - Contract for Larimer County was sent to DOLA on March 5, 2015 for review. Received comments back and need to make a few minor corrections.
 - Acquisition contract for Boulder County (Jamestown) fully executed as of March 6, 2015.
 - Contract for Milliken fully executed as of March 6, 2015.
 - Contract for Manitou Springs fully executed as March 6, 2015.
 - Fish Creek Utilities contract for Town of Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District fully executed as of March 10, 2015.
 - Working on additional contract (5 projects) for Upper Thompson Sanitation District.
 - Working on contract for Town of Lyons – St. Vrain Creek Restoration Project.
 - Working on draft contract for Frederick; receiving their release of funds in middle to late April.
 - Working on draft contract for El Paso County; they are in environmental review.
 - Working on draft contract for City of Louisville; they are in environmental review.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - DHSEM sent out notices on Thursday, March 19, 2015 to NOI applicants on the projects that have been selected to move to full application are due May 29, 2015.

Volunteer Coordination

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

- Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD)
 - Although Weld County saw the flood waters after everyone, they were impacted in an end-of-the-line kind of way. The impacts of the floods resulted in large amounts of debris and silt in fields, some of which still stands there. Weld County established a Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG), referred to as “Weld Recovers”, with the help of county commissioners and United way. As things are beginning to wind down, the group needs to stay in contact for the next disaster. It is not uncommon for a recovery committee to stay involved and the best way to do so is through an ongoing community coalition.

Weld County kicked off their first meeting of the newly formed Weld County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) on March 20, 2015 at the Hillside Baptist Church in Greeley. The two organizers, Leianne Romero (Habitat for Humanity) and Christopher Wood (Catholic Charities) started out with a welcome. The meeting agenda began with Art Storey, who spent many years as a FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison, followed by Merrie Leach, from Weld county emergency management. The two speakers emphasized the need for the 4C’s – communication, coordination, collaboration and

cooperation. The next meeting they will concentrate on determining who is not yet involved and the recruitment of those persons.



Liaison Art Storey discusses basic information ideas at the Weld County VOAD meeting on March 20, 2015.

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