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### Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

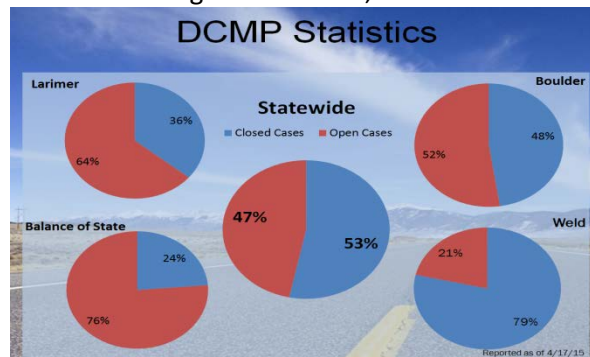
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*DHSEM is coordinating the following mitigation and recovery efforts with government, private-nonprofit organization, and other critical partners.*

### 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 Friday, April 17, 2015, DCM Program Manager Chuck Sullivan attended a planning meeting at the Boulder County Long Term Flood Recovery Group (LTFRG) office in Longmont. Participants included: LTFRG office management and a representative from the LTRG Executive Committee; Catholic Charities' (the DCM sub-grantee) program manager and case management supervisor; and representatives from UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and Boulder County. The meeting addressed current and projected case management staffing and needs, and the group's ability to successfully close or transition more than 500 open cases (including 164 CDBG-DR cases with Boulder County) in the coming months. The LTFRG Executive Committee plans to extend the office lease through the end of 2015 and is hopeful that FEMA will extend the DCM grant an additional ninety days into mid-December. The group agreed that success of its efforts will be dependent upon careful case analysis, open communication and cooperation between the various government offices and non-government groups involved.
  - 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>

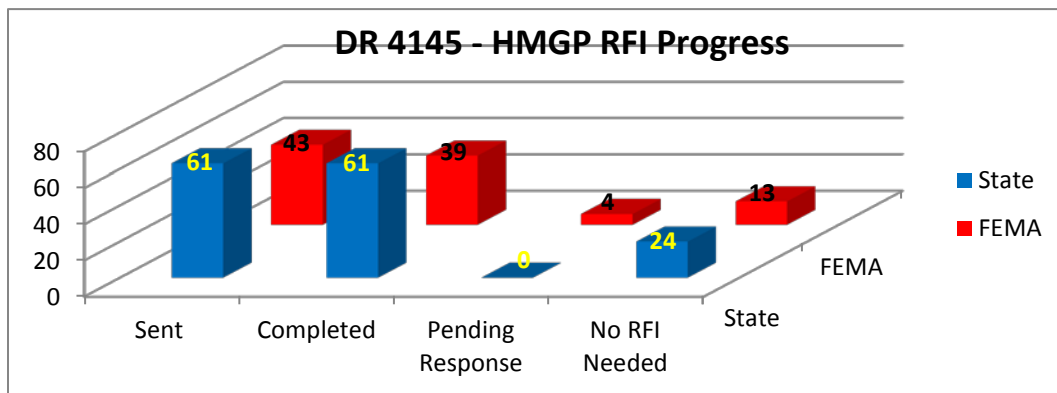
### Program Update

The State is currently working four disasters that involve HMGP funding: DR-4067, DR-4133, DR-4134 and DR-4145

- The Mitigation team has submitted ninety-eight HMGP applications to FEMA for formal review. FEMA is working on reviewing the applications and providing the State with a FEMA request for information (RFI). The State is then forwarding the FEMA RFI to the sub-applicant and assisting them with questions and helping guide them through the RFI process. A breakdown of projects by disaster is shown below:

Disaster	Number of Projects
4067	4
4133	2
4134	7
4145	85
Total Projects	98

- FEMA RFI response is mandatory.** If a FEMA RFI is generated, it will be communicated to the sub-applicant via DHSEM email. Sub-applicants are highly advised to provide their FEMA RFI response to the State within twenty 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 twenty-day period will result in responses being sent to FEMA without review. Response to a FEMA RFI within thirty days is mandatory. 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.



- Weekly HMGP acquisition conference calls will continue to be hosted every Thursday (April 23, 2015 is next call) 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 continue to be hosted every other Tuesday (May 5, 2015 is next call) at 10 a.m. Sub-applicants are encouraged to attend to learn more about project specific information and the State Grant Agreement process.
- A total of 39 projects have been awarded for HMGP DR-4145 with a combined sum of \$2,432,104 of federal funds to date.

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

**Program Update**

- Completed State review of El Paso County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update; returned to contractor for minor revisions on April 19, 2015.
- Received Arapahoe County HMP Update from FEMA with required revisions identified; local jurisdiction and contractor addressing revisions April 15, 2015.
- NE Region HMP Update FEMA required revisions nearly completed by locals and contractor.
- One County HMP in planning process (Douglas).
- Four local HMPs remain in APA status (Grand = 7 of 14 adoptions received to date; Teller = 0 of 4 adoptions received to date; Park = 0 of 6 adoptions received to date; Mesa = 0 of 11 adoptions received to date).
- Awaiting PDM announcement from FEMA to share with upcoming jurisdictions that will be applying for grant funds to develop and update their local HMPs.
- HMGP Planning grant contracts (13) are being processed and executed as received by the State.
- Provided technical assistance as requested from various HMGP Planning Grant and other local mitigation planning jurisdictions, and coordinated with FEMA, DHSEM, and DOLA staff regarding same.

**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, twenty-one requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and thirty-five RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 961 of which 695 are recommended for payment and 178 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining eighty-eight are in progress. The total amount requested is \$130.1 million, and \$112.3 million is considered initially eligible. \$79.5 million has been recommended for payment, \$21.6 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$29 million is still in progress.
- Nine 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 276 of which 198 are completed or deferred to closeout, and forty were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining thirty-eight are in progress.
- There have been four payments made in the last week for total of \$36,258.40 including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**
  - Next PA call will be April 24, 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 five new hires have started work. 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>  
**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](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:

	Count		Dollar Amount	
	This Week	Cumulative	This Week	Cumulative
Infrastructure (\$19.4M)				
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	0	6	\$0	\$657,823.13

- Ongoing CDBG-DR activities include:
  - 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.
  - Contract for Nederland was fully executed as of March 31, 2015.
  - Contract for City of Boulder was sent to Grantee for execution of April 1, 2015.
  - Contract for Larimer County was sent to Grantee for execution on April 1, 2015.
  - Contract for Town of Lyons was sent to Grantee for execution on April 7, 2015.
  - Contract for City of Loveland was sent to Grantee for execution on April 8, 2015.
  - Contract for Upper Thompson Sanitation District (five projects) was sent to Grantee for execution April 9, 2015.
  - Two contracts for City of Evans were sent to Grantee for execution on April 1, 2015.
  - Contract for City of Loveland was sent to DOLA for their review on April 20, 2015.
  - Contract for Town of Jamestown was sent to DOLA for their review on April 20, 2015.
  - Working on draft contract for Frederick; receiving their release of funds in middle to late April.
  - Working on draft contracts for the following agencies while they are in environmental review: El Paso County – Acquisition; City of Louisville; Town of Lyons – Acquisition (four properties); City of Colorado Springs – Acquisition; Larimer County – Big Elk Meadows; City of Manitou Springs – Wildcat Gulch Culvert; Estes Valley Recreation & Park District; Town of Estes Park – FEMA PA Match (four projects); and, Boulder County – Acquisitions.

- Upcoming CDBG-DR activities include:
  - Distribute sub-applicants' NOI Comprehensive Risk Analysis Reports on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.
  - Issue Part B – Application: Project Milestones/Timelines/Tasks guidance to sub-applicants on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.
  - This week's Program Update will include an Issues and Answers Type Analysis.

## Volunteer Coordination

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

- Colorado Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster (COVOAD)
  - The Colorado Volunteer Agencies Active in Disasters Executive Committee met in Lyons on Thursday, April 16, 2015 to welcome incoming officers and plan for the upcoming year. The meeting was moderated by State Volunteer Agency Liaison (VAL), Robyn Knappe. Officers in attendance were: Diane Elio, Chair; Dennis Belz, Co-Chair; Sandi Meier, Secretary; Kristy Judd, former officer. In addition to officers and the moderator, Matt Cedar, FEMA Region VIII VAL attended to provide insight into COVOAD leadership roles and Jaclyn Kurle attended to provide meeting support.
  - Despite the challenges raised by an untimely snow storm, the meeting was very productive, as the group discussed the history of COVOAD, welcomed Diane Elio as the new chair and Dennis Belz as co-chair, and made plans for the future. Future plans include establishing transition plans for leadership positions, creating stronger relationships with regional and sub-VOADs, and creating a defined role of support for the Colorado VOAD/DVCT Incident Support Team (CODIST). The Executive Committee will begin meeting on a monthly basis in June and plans to hold quarterly meetings for members.



*The group had planned to meet in Allenspark, but due to the weather, COVOAD members had to work together to quickly secure an alternate location for the workshop in Lyons. Thank you to the Lyons Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to use the space!*

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