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### Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

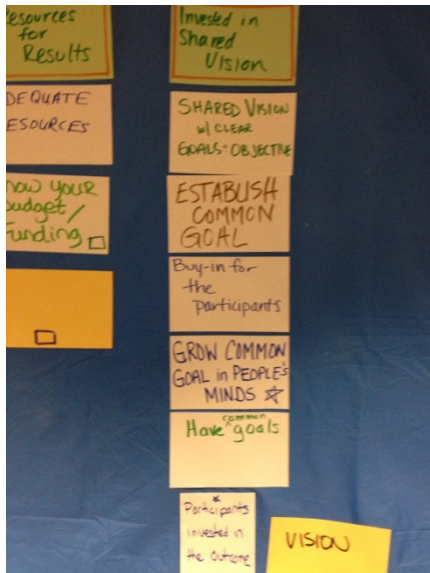
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*DHSEM is coordinating the following mitigation and recovery efforts with government, private-nonprofit organization, and other critical partners.*

### Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

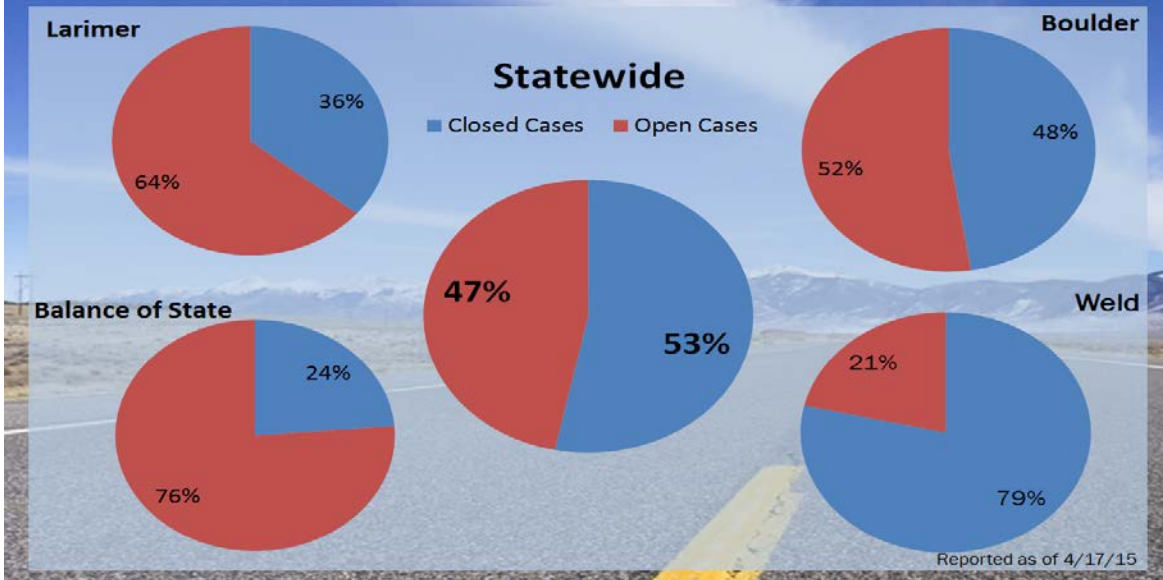
**Program** FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)  
**Lead State Agency** DHSEM  
**DHSEM POC** Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)  
**Program Update**

- Disaster Case Management (DCM)
  - Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison, attended the Department of Personnel and Administration's training on the "Focused Conversation Method" and the "Consensus Workshop Method" for facilitation methods. The purpose of the workshop was to help build a solid foundation for strong group participation, productivity and commitment. Skills gained from this workshop will apply to the Disaster Case Management Program and the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) stakeholders.



- 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:

# DCMP Statistics



## 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>

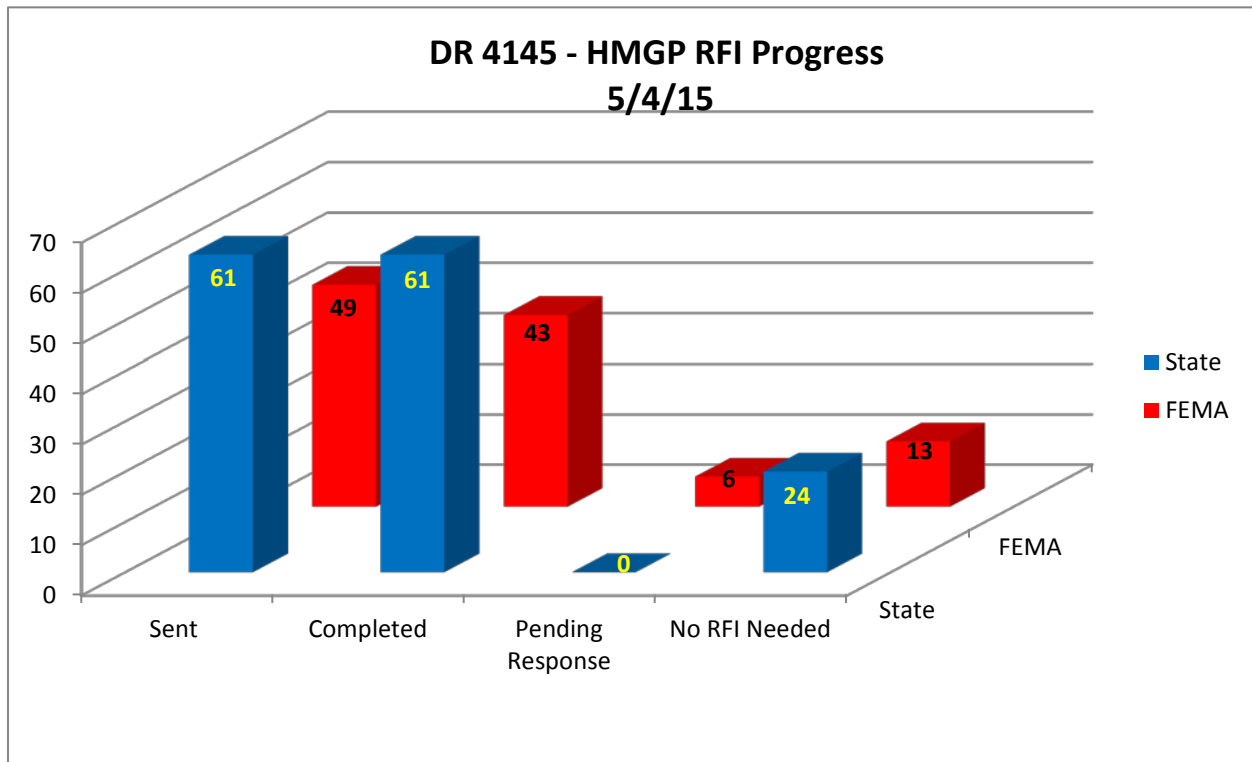
### Program Update

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

- A total of ninety-eight HMGP applications have been submitted 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 (May 7, 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 19, 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 conference call will be hosted for all HMGP Wildfire Mitigation sub-applicants on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 10 a.m. The call will discuss the current status of Wildfire Mitigation applications and other important information. This call is for general questions only and project specific questions will be answered on a one-to-one basis. The conference call information has been emailed and all wildfire sub-applicants and supporting staff are highly encouraged to attend.
- A total of 39 projects have been awarded for HMGP DR-4145 with a combined sum of \$3,205,766 of federal funds to date.

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

- Received FEMA Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status for Fremont County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update on April 29, 2015.
- Received FEMA Required Revisions status for Boulder County HMP Update on May 1, 2015.
- One local HMP currently under FEMA review (El Paso County).
- Four HMPs in planning process (Douglas, Costilla, Montezuma, Aurora).
- Conducted Arapahoe County HMP Update FEMA Required Revisions conference call with locals, contractor, DHSEM/MARS-Durango, and FEMA on May 4, 2015.
- Five local HMPs remain in APA status (Grand = 8 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; Fremont = 0 of 4 adoptions received to date).
- Provided technical assistance as requested from various HMGP Planning Grant and other local mitigation planning 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, 23 requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and zero RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,006 of which 707 are recommended for payment and 167 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 132 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$135.9 million, and \$117.96 million is considered initially eligible. \$73.76 million has been recommended for payment, \$20.3 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$23.9 million is still in progress.
- Six 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 285 of which 209 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 40 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 36 are in progress.
- There have been zero payments made in the last week for total of \$0 including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**
  - Next PA call will be May 29, 2015 at 9 a.m. Call in information and presentation will be sent out prior to the call.
  - Force account labor (FAL), Request for Reimbursement (RFR), and cost reasonableness guidelines were released last week and discussed on last Friday's call. They can be found at <https://co.emgrants.com/site/other.cfm>. Please email [cdps\\_pa4145@state.co.us](mailto:cdps_pa4145@state.co.us) if you have any additional questions.
  - The hiring of project specialists and finance specialists is still in progress. Two existing DHSEM employees were transferred over into these positions; seven additional new hires have begun 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:
  - 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. Sent to DOLA for final execution on April 20, 2015.
  - Contract for Town of Lyons was sent to Grantee for execution on April 7, 2015. Sent to DOLA for final execution on April 20, 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 15, 2015.
  - Contract for City of Loveland was sent to Grantee for execution on April 24, 2015.
  - Contract for Town of Jamestown was sent to Grantee for execution on April 24, 2015.
  - Working on draft contract for Frederick; receiving their release of funds in early May.
  - 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.
  - Received a few requests for reimbursement; however, need additional information before approval.
- Upcoming CDBG-DR activities include:
  - Distribute recommended Comprehensive Risk Analysis scoring criteria on May 6, 2015.

## Volunteer Coordination

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

- Emotional and Spiritual Care Train the Trainer Workshop
  - With the disaster responses of 2013, the Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD) identified a need for disaster spiritual care providers to address unmet spiritual needs. To meet this need, COVOAD formed an Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee and is sponsoring a Train the Trainer Workshop on May 5-6, 2015 at Denver's American Red Cross Headquarters. The purpose of the workshop is to build Colorado's capacity to provide emotional and spiritual care training that equips participants with the competencies necessary to be a "Local Spiritual Care Provider", with the greater purpose of providing adequate emotional and spiritual care to diverse Colorado communities when needed. The workshop is facilitated by Dr. Naomi Paget, an experienced and Board Certified Chaplain and Crisis Interventionist who is nationally recognized for her work with the FBI, American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief.
  - Those wishing to participate in the workshop were required to complete a standard application, proving experience in disaster assistance, education, and completion of ICS and NIMS FEMA Courses. The applicants were then reviewed by a selection/credentialing committee. Each applicant completed an interview with a selection/credentialing committee member to further discuss their qualifications. Of the twenty applications received, 16 were selected as best qualified and invited to attend the workshop. After they complete the workshop and additional FEMA IS classes 200 (ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Reports) and 800 (National Response Framework, an Introduction), the group will be credentialed through Colorado Volunteer Mobilizer as disaster spiritual care providers and will be able to train additional responders as well as provide emotional and spiritual care in a disaster event.

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