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## Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

### 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.*

#### ***Congratulations from the Colorado DHSEM staff to David Hollingsworth for earning the APWA National Award.***

*Every year, the American Public Works Association (APWA) recognizes professionals from both the public and private sectors for their contributions and advancements in the public works field. For 2015, they have chosen Senior Civil Engineer David Hollingsworth, as PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR IN WATER RESOURCES. According to APWA, the “category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing ... outstanding career service achievements.” David has worked at the City of Longmont for 23 years. He currently serves as Storm Drainage and Floodplain Manager in the Engineering Services Division in Public Works & Natural Resources.*

*David spent the first 10 years in Longmont retrofitting the downtown storm sewer system with pipelines up to 84 inches in diameter to mitigate the annual flooding that was prevalent. After this work was completed he identified the need to construct regional channel improvements to reduce flooding south of the St. Vrain River. He constructed the Lykins Gulch Stream Restoration Project, Dry Creek No. 1 Regional Detention Pond and Left Hand Creek Flood Control Project. The results of these projects saved over \$60 million in flood damage costs that would have occurred during the September, 2013 Colorado Flood. He also went upstream in Boulder County with a contractor and rerouted the out of bank flood water back into the river to stop the flooding in western Longmont. David also worked on repairing the St. Vrain River immediately following the flood to accommodate spring runoff and is working with the design team to widen the St. Vrain River to pass the 100-year flood through the City of Longmont. David obtained two FEMA grants of \$3 million, the first to construct the Left Hand Creek project prior to the flood and the second to replace the Main Street (Federal Highway 287) and South Pratt Parkway bridges which were damaged during the flood.*

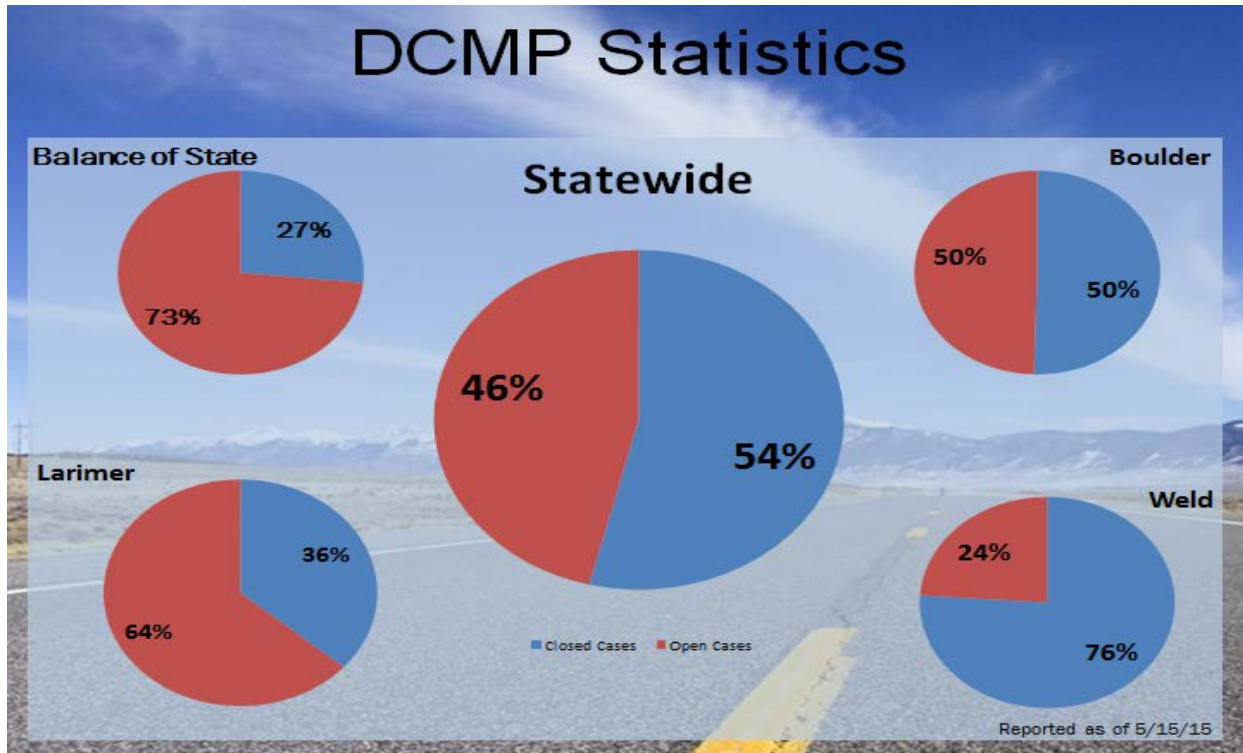
### **Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses**

**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)
  - The Disaster Case Management Team is preparing for FEMA’s second monitoring visit scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2015. The initial monitoring visit took place October 28-29, 2014 and included both financial and operating reviews. A financial review has already been completed and this second visit will focus on program operations and progress, and include discussion of a proposed 90-Day No-Cost extension of the DCM program grant from September 13 to December 13, 2015. Since the prior

visit, staffing of the full Program Management team was accomplished and a new FEMA Headquarters DCM Program Specialist, Paul Parsons, Jr., has assumed responsibility for program oversight. We look forward to meeting with Paul and his Region VIII support team.

- o 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>

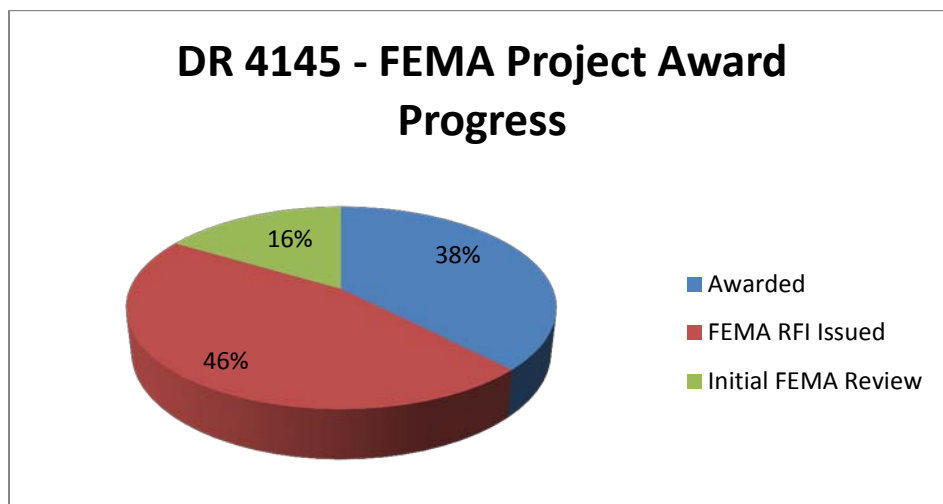
### Program Update

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

- 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 State has suspended the monthly HMGP Conference Call that occurs on the second Friday of each month and the bi-weekly 5% & Generator conference call on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Due to the different stages and timelines for the many project types, individual coordination is a more appropriate and effective use of time. Coordination calls may be hosted again in the future as projects move further into the implementation and reimbursement phase. In the meantime any pertinent or general project information will be communicated via email or phone call as necessary.
- A bi-weekly conference call will be hosted for all HMGP Wildfire Mitigation sub-applicants on Tuesdays 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 thirty-nine projects have been awarded for HMGP DR-4145 with a combined sum of \$3,205,766 of federal funds to date.



- FEMA continues to review project applications. Only fourteen projects remain in the initial FEMA review queue. Many projects have been awarded and many projects have been issued a FEMA Request for Information, which requires the sub-grantee to provide clarification to FEMA. The State is working to assist the sub-grantee through the RFI process.
- The FEMA Disaster Procurement Assistance Team (DPAT) provided procurement training on May 27<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>. Many sub-grantees and State staff attended the training. Based on the Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit findings to date, not following federal procurement regulation is one of the key issues identified.

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

- Seven local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) remain in APA (Approvable Pending Adoption) status (Grand = 10 of 14 adoptions received to date; Teller = 0 of 4 adoptions received to date; Park = 4 of 6 adoptions received to date; Mesa = 0 of 11 adoptions received to date; Fremont = 0 of 4 adoptions received to date; El Paso = 0 of 8 adoptions received to date; NE Region = 2 of 37 adoptions received to date).
- Eight HMPs in planning process (Douglas, Chaffee, Colorado Springs, Costilla, Montezuma, Aurora, Routt, Pueblo).
- Various HMGP funded plan updates are in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.
- 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, fifteen requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and twenty-five RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,079 of which 765 are recommended for payment and 176 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 138 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$140.8 million, and \$122.8 million is considered initially eligible. \$81.6 million has been recommended for payment, \$18.3 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$22.9 million is still in progress.
- One requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and zero were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 295 of which 219 are completed or deferred to closeout, and forty-seven were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining twenty-nine are in progress.
- There have been forty-six payments made in the last week for total of \$3,016,244.30 including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**
  - Next PA call will be June 26, 2015 at 9 a.m. Call in information and presentation will be sent out prior to the call.

**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. 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:

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	0	16	\$0	\$3,625,130.41

- 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. Final execution on May 6, 2015.
  - Contract for Town of Lyons was sent to Grantee for execution on April 7, 2015. Final execution on May 6, 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. Sent to DOLA for final execution on May 8, 2015.
  - Two contracts for City of Evans were sent to Grantee for execution on April 15, 2015. Sent to DOLA for final execution on May 8, 2015.
  - Additional 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.
  - Contract for Frederick was sent to DOLA for final execution on May 14, 2015.
  - Two contracts for El Paso County sent to Grantee for signature on May 27, 2015.
  - Contract for Estes Park (4 projects) sent to Grantee for signature on May 29, 2015.
  - Sent draft contracts for the following agencies to DOLA for their review on May 14, 2015 while awaiting release of funds (ROF): City of Louisville; Town of Lyons – Acquisitions; Larimer County - Big Elk Meadows; City of Manitou Springs - Wildcat Gulch Culvert; Estes Valley Recreation & Park District; Town of Estes Park - FHWA project; Boulder County - Acquisitions.
  - Drafting contracts for: Town of Windsor, Town of Evans, and City of Colorado Springs.
  - Working with the Grantees to get additional payment information to finish processing.
- Upcoming CDBG-DR activities include:
  - Staff will be organizing all of the applications received May 29<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the final review.

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