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Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

July 14, 2015

DHSEM is working with governments, private-nonprofit organizations, and other critical partners on the following mitigation and recovery efforts.



Request for Presidential Disaster Declaration: *The State of Colorado submitted a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on July 8, 2015 for a major disaster declaration as a result of severe weather and flooding that occurred between April 16 and June 20, 2015. The State is requesting that 11 counties be included in the disaster declaration for Public Assistance based on the joint preliminary damage assessments conducted in Baca, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Logan, Morgan, Pueblo, Saguache, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma counties. The preliminary damage assessments show a combined total of nearly \$20 million in damages across the 11 counties. The Governor must request a major disaster declaration through the FEMA regional office after the preliminary damage assessments have been completed. The FEMA regional office then reviews the request and forwards it to the President. The State of Colorado has requested that the FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program be awarded to the impacted jurisdictions. The Public Assistance Grant Program provides assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and infrastructure.*

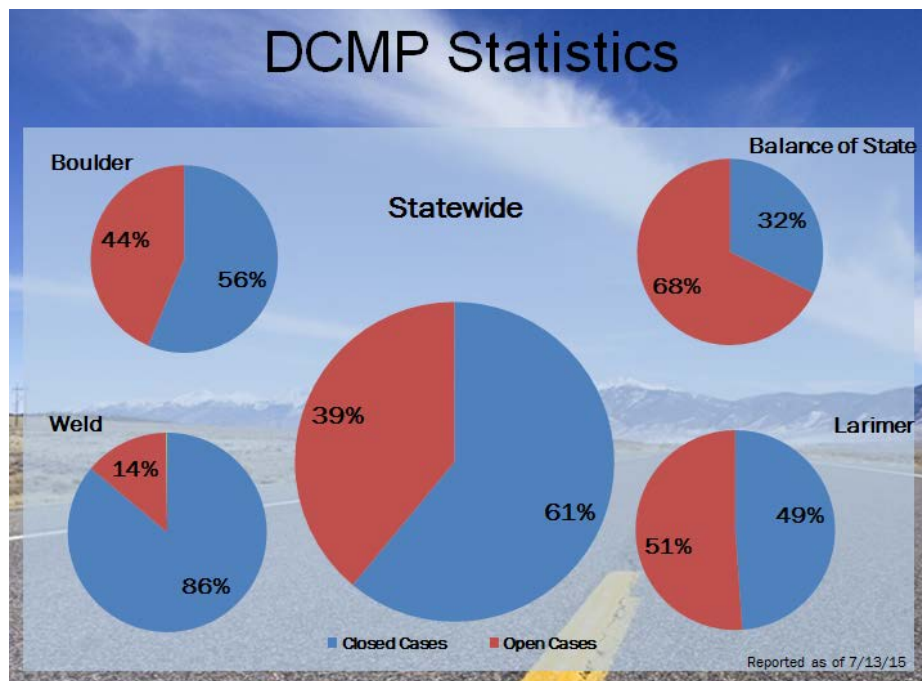
Link view the full document submitted to FEMA: [State of Colorado's Request for Presidential Disaster Declaration: Major Disaster or Emergency](#).

Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

DR-4145

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 Program (DCMP)
 - On June 30, 2015, with just over six months remaining on the FEMA grant, 840 cases remained open statewide. 55% of the open cases were being handled by case managers working for the State’s two sub-grantees, Catholic Charities and Lutheran Family Services. The remaining cases are being worked by local government (in Boulder County) and non-profit organizations. Housing repairs, construction and access are the main issues for many survivors and they are seeking funding from the CDBG-DR program or local Unmet Needs Committees. Case managers and construction managers continue to help these individuals and families navigate the CDBG-DR process, seek help from Unmet Needs Committees or connect to other available resources. With over 1,300 cases closed to date, great progress has been made; however, it is evident that many cases will require transitioning to other organizations when the DCMP grant ends in December. Planning for this transition is underway and will require close collaboration on the part of DCMP management with long term recovery groups, local government agencies and non-government organizations.
 - This week we had many meetings about the transition of the DCMP as the FEMA funding will wind down. Since Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) rebuild projects will last 18-24 months, we need to tap into local resources to look for models to continue the good work started by the case managers. Although it may look different, we want to provide the continuity to the clients. We are planning now for the transition to happen in December 2015 or the first part of 2016, depending on funding. If anyone has ideas, email me at robyn.knappe@state.co.us.
 - Progress pie charts will be distributed monthly. The following percentages capture all closed and all open cases per disaster case management center, along with a statewide overview:



Consumer Protection

Spring 2015

Program Consumer Protection
Lead State Agency DORA Division of Insurance (DOI)
DORA POC NA
DHSEM POC NA
Program Update The Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) – Division of Insurance (DOI) has posted consumer protection information for those affected by recent storm damage titled, “Consumer Alert: Five Insurance Tips for Storm Damage”.
This information is available at: <http://www.dhsem.state.co.us/news/2015-06-05/consumer-alert-five-insurance-tips-storm-damage-colorado-dora>. Tips include how to deal with storm damage and insurance, including documenting and mitigating damage, checking contractors, and verifying public adjusters. The alert also includes flood insurance tips, creating a home inventory, and contact numbers for DOI.

Damage Assessment

Spring 2015

Program FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Deanna Butterbaugh, Deputy State Public Assistance Officer
Program Update Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) were conducted on June 3rd, 4th, 10th, 29th and 30th for infrastructure damages and impacts incurred as a result of the Spring 2015 severe storms and snowmelt runoff. Participants included staff from local governments, FEMA, and DHSEM. The State of Colorado submitted a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on July 8, 2015 for a major disaster declaration as a result of severe weather and flooding that occurred between April 16 and June 20, 2015. The State is requesting that 11 counties be included in the disaster declaration for Public Assistance based on the joint preliminary damage assessments conducted in Baca, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Logan, Morgan, Pueblo, Saguache, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma counties. Additional counties may be requested in the near future when the full extent of damages can be known. Below are just a few pictures taken in various counties during the preliminary damage assessments.







Dana Reynolds (Director of Emergency Management) and Kevin Klein (Director of Colorado’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management) finalizing the major disaster declaration for signature.

Debris Management

Spring 2015

Program NA
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, Voluntary Agency Liaison
Program Update The Southern Baptists are available and willing to assist property owners affected by flooding, tornados, etc. with tasks relating to debris management and property cleanup.

Hazard Mitigation

Annual Programs

Program FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin, Acting Deputy State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Guidance FY 2015 Guidance & Addendum: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279
Program Update The competitive FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program is authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended. This program makes federal funds available to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. FEMA has announced PDM program availability for this year. DHSEM is currently accepting notices of interest/intent from eligible potential sub-applicants. \$30 million is available nationally. A complete *State* application, including all sub-applications, is due to FEMA no later than August 28, 2015.

Program FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin, Acting Deputy State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Guidance
Program Update

FY 2015 Guidance & Addendum: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279
The competitive FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program is authorized under the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994. This program makes federal funds available to eligible applicants with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP. FEMA has announced program availability for this year. DHSEM is currently accepting notices of interest/intent from eligible potential sub-applicants. \$150 million is available nationally. A complete *State* application, including all sub-applications, is due to FEMA no later than August 28, 2015.

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

- Six local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) remain in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (Grand = 11 of 14 adoptions received to date; Teller = 0 of 4 adoptions received to date; Mesa = 8 of 11 adoptions received to date; Fremont = 2 of 4 adoptions received to date; El Paso = 0 of 8 adoptions received to date; NE Region = 7 of 37 adoptions received to date).
- At least nine HMPs in planning process (Chaffee, Colorado Springs, Costilla, Montezuma, Aurora, Routt, Pueblo, City & County of Broomfield, Larimer).
- Northeast Region HMP Update received final FEMA approval on 7/6/2015.
- Douglas County HMP Update under State review.
- Various HMGP funded plan updates continue in the RFP selection, and will soon begin their HMP planning process.
- Follow-up on 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)/Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Planning NOIs and potential 2015 project eligibility related to current APA and approved plans.
- Completed review/rating of assigned CDBG-DR Round 2 applications.
- Provided technical assistance as requested from various HMGP Planning Grant and other local mitigation planning jurisdictions.

DRs-4067, 4133, 4134, 4145

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>

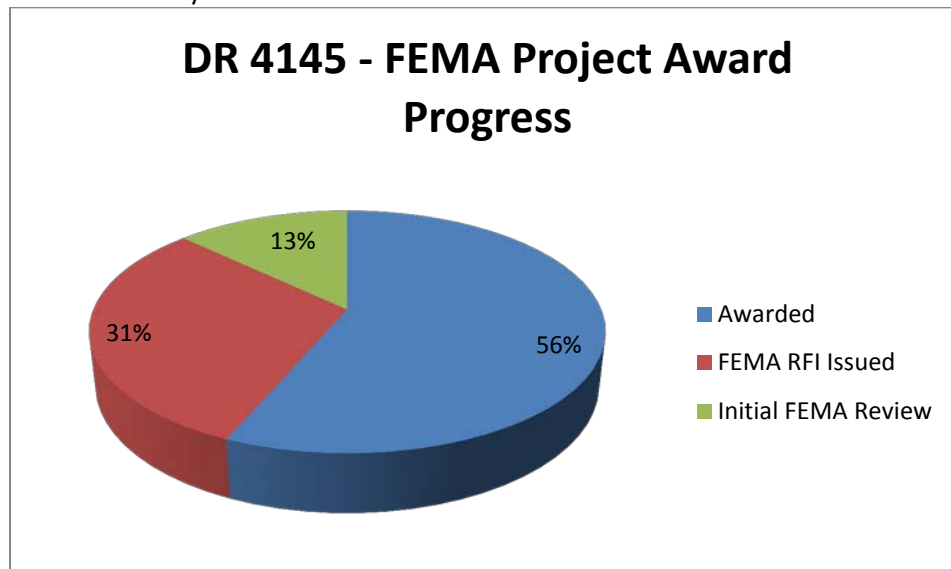
Program Update

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

- A total of 98 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.** Once a FEMA RFI is distributed, sub-applicants are highly advised to provide their FEMA RFI response to the state within 20 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 20 day period will result in responses being sent to FEMA without review. Response to a FEMA RFI is mandatory within 30 days. Failure to respond to a FEMA RFI within this 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 all regular HMGP Conference Calls including 5%, Generator, Wildfire, and general information calls. Due to the different stages and timelines for the many project types, individual coordination is a more appropriate and effective use of time. Pertinent or general project information will be communicated via email or phone call as necessary.



- FEMA continues to review project applications. Only 11 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 Mitigation Team has received all Notice of Intent (NOI) forms for the FY15 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance grants, including the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA). Mitigation staff is currently reviewing submitted NOIs for program eligibility and will be following up with local contacts soon. Further information about PDM & FMA can be found on the [DHSEM Grant Programs website](#).

- Mitigation staff conducted DR-4145 Grant Kickoff meetings with HMGP grantees recently including the Town of Nederland and the City of Fort Collins. The kickoffs included project initiation for 5% and generator construction. The state looks forward to hosting further kickoff meetings as more grants are awarded by FEMA.
- Mitigation staff & FEMA conducted site visits with the City of Colorado Springs Parks & Recreation and the Public Works/City Engineering Departments for infrastructure and flood mitigation projects submitted under HMGP DR-4145. The site visits were necessary to assist in FEMA Environmental & Historic Preservation (EHP) determination.



State & FEMA Mitigation staff met with Colorado Springs Public Works in the Garden of the Gods Park in Colorado Springs to review a proposed flood mitigation project for HMGP DR-4145.

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, 14 requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and 11 RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,196 of which 810 are recommended for payment and 190 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 196 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$147.2 million, and \$129.1 million is considered initially eligible. \$91.3 million has been recommended for payment, \$18.8 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$19 million is still in progress.
- Six requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and 8 were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 328 of which 227 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 46 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 55 are in progress.
- There have been zero payments made in the last week for total of zero including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**
 - Next PA call will be July 31, 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 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	54	\$0	\$15,159,975
Applications Received	0	54	\$0	\$15,159,975
Award Letters	0	54	\$0	\$15,159,975
Projects Under Contract	3	28	\$605,474	\$4,546,859

*Infrastructure has 16 contracts executed consisting of 28 subprojects.

- Allocation 1:
 - Two contracts for El Paso County sent to Grantee for signature on May 27, 2015.
 - Contract for City of Louisville was sent to Grantee for signature on June 9, 2015.
 - Contracts for Town of Lyons - Acquisition of four properties (1a) and three/four properties (1b), sent 1(a) to DOLA for final execution and waiting for ROF for 1(b).
 - Contract for City of Loveland was sent to Grantee for signature on April 8, 2015. Grantee requested changes, revised contract sent to Grantee for signature on June 22, 2015.
 - Additional contract for City of Loveland was sent to Grantee for signature on April 24, 2015. Grantee requested changes, revised contract sent to Grantee for signature on June 22, 2015.
 - Contract for Town of Frederick sent to DOLA for final execution.
 - Contract for Larimer County – Big Elk Meadows sent to Grantee for signature on July 6, 2015.
 - Contract for Town of Windsor sent to Grantee for signature on July 6, 2015.
 - Contract for City of Manitou Springs – Wildcat Gulch Culvert sent to Grantee for signature on July 7, 2015. Still awaiting release of funds (ROF).
 - Drafting contracts for: City of Colorado Springs – North Douglas and Aurora Housing Authority. Sent to DOLA for review.
 - Working with the Grantees to get additional information to finish processing payment requests which includes Davis Bacon compliance.
- Allocation 2
 - DHSEM received 100 applications on May 29, 2015, staff has reviewed the applications and the review panel started looking at these on June 22, 2015. Approved project notifications will go out the week of July 20, 2015.

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