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Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

July 21, 2015

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

NHMA 2015 International Hazard Mitigation Practitioner's Symposium
Natural Hazard Mitigation Association

***Building a Safer World to Thrive
in the New Normal***

July 22-23, 2015
Omni Interlocken Resort
500 Interlocken Blvd
Broomfield, Colorado

2015 Symposium Theme

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Association's 2015 International Hazard Mitigation Practitioner's Symposium will be held on July 22-23, 2015 in Broomfield, Colorado. The symposium offers practitioners an opportunity to hear from some of the leading voices and communities in the world discussing a variety of hazards.

For more information, please visit the following website: <http://nhma.info/practioners-workshops/2015-symposium/>

Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

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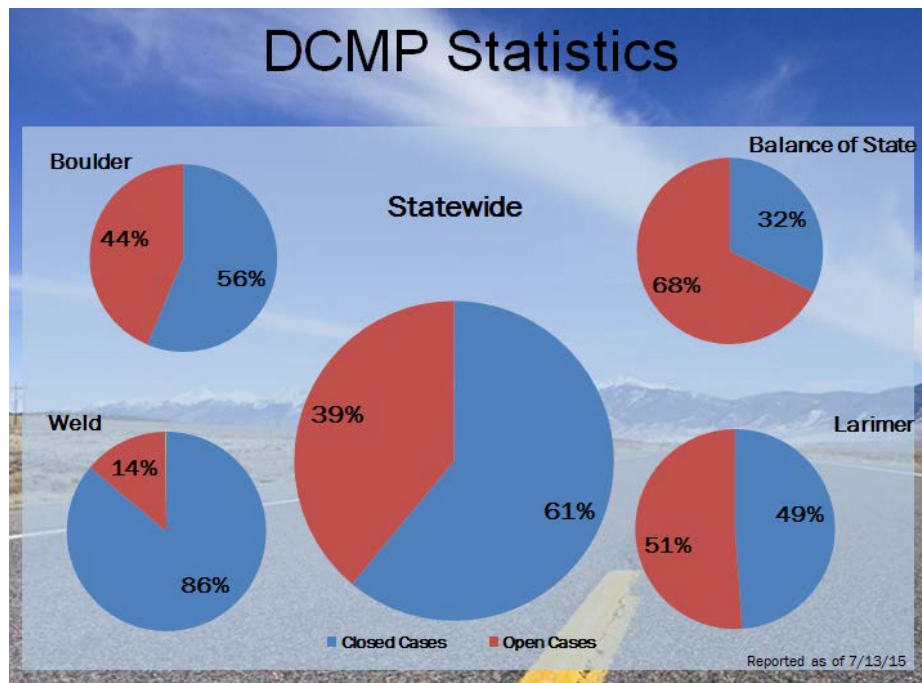
Program	FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)
Lead State Agency	DHSEM
DHSEM POC	Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Program Update	

- Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP)

- Last week, Disaster Case Management Program Manager Chuck Sullivan attended Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings in Larimer and Weld Counties. The Larimer County LTRG met Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in Loveland. Updates were provided by Case Management, the Unmet Needs Committee, Volunteer Management and the Larimer County Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD). It was reported that the recent improvement in weather conditions has allowed many volunteer teams to be deployed and in June, about 500 volunteers contributed over 10,000 hours of labor across the county. The VOAD continues to work with government and non-governmental agencies to plan for ongoing assistance to survivors with continuing needs after the DCMP program ends.
- The meeting concluded with a farewell presentation and celebration for the Mountain Outreach team. Larimer County Commissioners Tom Donnelly and Steve Johnson joined the LTRG in thanking the “blue-shirts” for their dedication and great work in the community. Mountain Outreach will be ending its effort later this month.



- On Thursday July 16, 2015, the DCM Program Manager and Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL), attended the Weld Recovers group meeting in Evans. The DCM Supervisor reported that case management is winding down and expects to have few open cases remaining when the DCMP ends in December. Progress is being made on many cases seeking Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) assistance for home repairs, temporary rental assistance and reimbursements. The Unmet Needs Committee continues to fund cases presented by case management and as in Larimer County, many teams of volunteers are working throughout the county to clear debris and complete repairs.
- A Psychological First Aid: Helping Others in Times of Stress training will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Medical Center of the Rockies, 2500 Rocky Mountain Avenue, Loveland, Colorado 80538. This training will help you to better recognize and manage the basic symptoms of psychological distress. You will also learn the psychological first aid tools to bolster individuals' functioning during times of extreme stress. For more information, please contact Jaclyn Kurle at Jaclyn.kurle@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

Lead State Agency

DORA POC

DHSEM POC

Program Update

Consumer Protection

DORA Division of Insurance (DOI)

NA

NA

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

Lead State Agency

DHSEM POC

Program Update

FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment

DHSEM

Deanna Butterbaugh, Deputy State Public Assistance Officer

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 eleven 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.

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

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 FY 2015 Guidance & Addendum: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279
Program Update 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

- Mesa County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update submitted to FEMA for final approval on July 17, 2015.
- Douglas County HMP Update under State review.
- Five local HMPs remain in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (Grand = 12 of 14 adoptions received to date; Teller = 0 of 4 adoptions received to date; Fremont = 2 of 4 adoptions received to date; El Paso = 0 of 8 adoptions received to date; NE Region = 16 of 37 adoptions received to date).
- At least ten HMPs in planning process (Aurora, Broomfield, Chaffee, Colorado Springs, Costilla, Larimer, Montezuma, Pueblo, Routt, Weld).
- Review of EMGrants HMGP local planning grant quarterly reports (Q3).
- 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

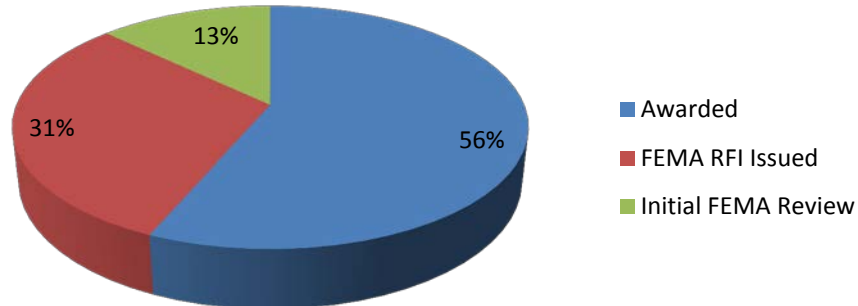
The State is currently working four disasters that involve HMGP funding: DR-4067, DR-4133, DR-4134 and DR-4145

- 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 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 is mandatory within thirty 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.

DR 4145 - FEMA Project Award Progress



- FEMA continues to review project applications. Only eleven 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 reviewed all Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted for the FY15 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance grants, including the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA) by the June 12, 2015 deadline. Mitigation staff has contacted all eligibility applicants and AmecFoster-Wheeler will be providing individual application support and development to submit formal applications to FEMA. Further information about PDM & FMA can be found on the [DHSEM Grant Programs website](#).

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, 20 requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and 9 RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,215 of which 820 are recommended for payment and 184 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 211 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$148.8 million, and \$129.5 million is considered initially eligible. \$91.7 million has been recommended for payment, \$18.4 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$19.4 million is still in progress.
- Six 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 335 of which 232 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 50 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 53 are in progress.
- Reimbursement and advance payments are currently being made but not updated in our grant management software so tracking is unavailable at this point.
- **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.

- Quarterly reports are currently being processed. If the Applicant Assistance team contacts you about your report your timely response is required.

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:

Allocation 1 – Infrastructure (\$19.4M)	Count		Dollar Amount	
	This Week	Cumulative	This Week	Cumulative
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	25	\$206,347	\$4,753,206
Projects Started (first draw)	1	1	\$7,344	\$7,344

*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/quarter 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 this week.

Volunteer Coordination

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

- G288: Donations and Volunteer Management
 - On July 15, 2015, Robyn Knappe, with co-presenter Stephanie Sanchez, 2-1-1, and guest presenters Diane Elio, COVOAD and Kristy Judd, Metro Volunteers, presented G288: Donations and Volunteer Management in Leadville, CO. G288 educates emergency management personnel in the handling of unsolicited volunteers and donations, resources available to assist with volunteers and donations, such as COVOAD, the Donation and Volunteer Coordination Team, and state-based and nationwide non-profits, and covers public messaging and information management. The course encourages Emergency Management personnel to plan ahead for disasters, and features exercises focused on creating Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and Volunteer and Donation Support Annexes for their local Emergency Operations Plan. The course received positive reviews from the 17 students in the class, representing three counties: Lake, El Paso and Chaffee. Robyn and Stephanie look forward to teaching G288 again in early Fall. *(L-R: Libby Nelson, Lake County Emergency Management Specialist; Mike McHargue, Lake County Emergency Manager; Robyn Knappe, VAL; and Stephanie Sanchez, 2-1-1)*



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