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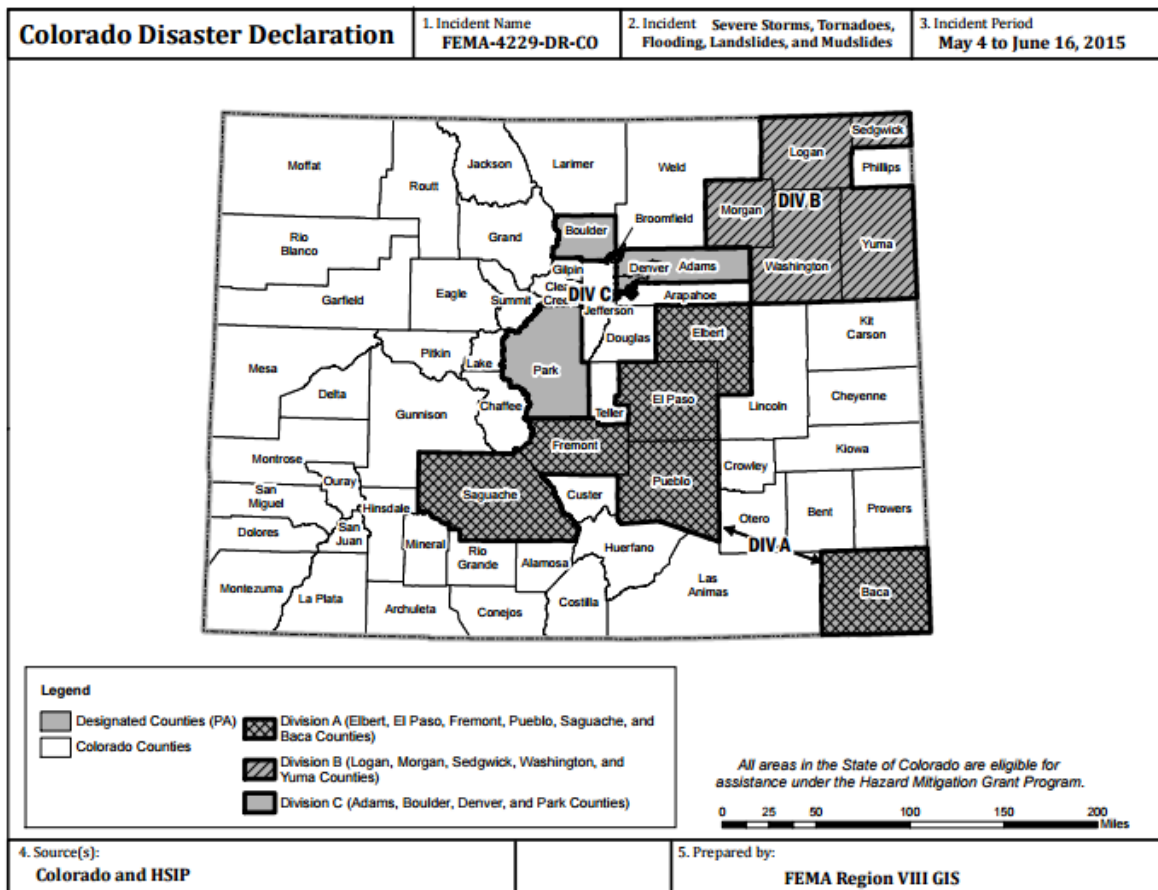
## Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

### Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

August 18, 2015

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



Additional Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted the first week of August. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the State's request for the designation of additional counties for Public Assistance under Major Disaster Declaration DR-4229 to include Adams, Boulder, and Park counties and the City and County of Denver. The State will work with the additional counties to schedule applicant briefings and kick-off meetings in the following weeks.

## 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)
  - Disaster Case Management offered a Psychological First Aid Training session on August 4 at the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, CO. The training was provided by Keith Schemper and developed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Those in attendance learned skills to help them better recognize and manage the basic symptoms of psychological distress as well as psychological first aid tools to bolster individuals' functioning during times of extreme stress. Case Management Staff from Larimer County and Weld Recovers attended, as well as staff from Metro Volunteers, Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains, Loveland Housing Authority, Catholic Charities Denver and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Weld County.

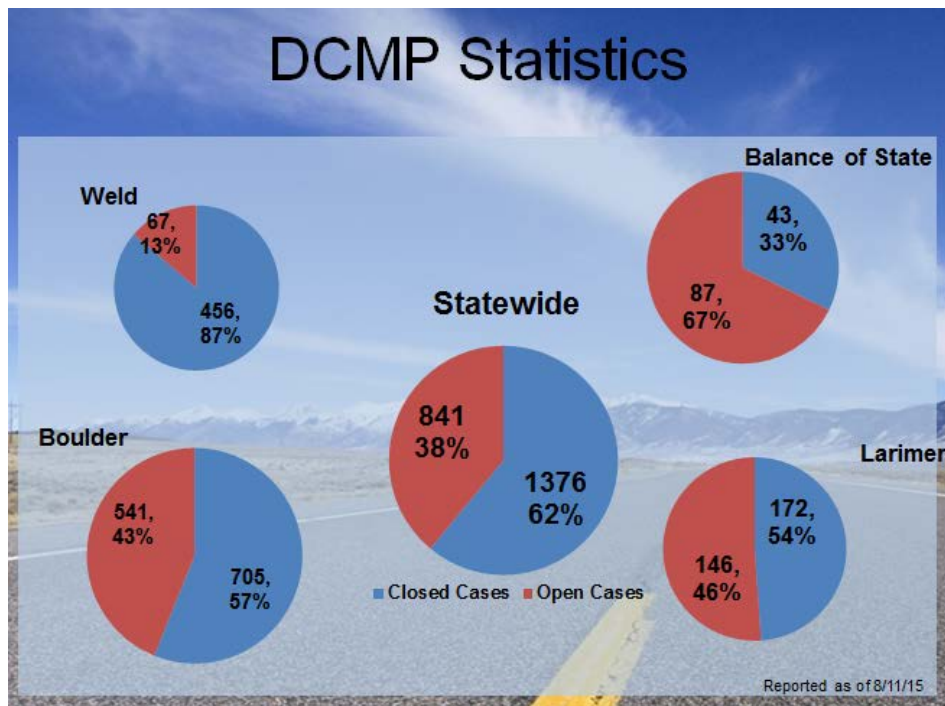


- On August 11, 2015, Disaster Case Management Program Manager Chuck Sullivan attended the Larimer County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meeting at the Rocky Mountain Church in Estes Park. Attendees were briefed on the status of the group's finances and remaining Unmet Needs funds, case management, and Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and volunteer activities, including the recent relocation of Brethren Disaster Relief from Weld to Larimer County. The financial report acknowledged a recent donation of \$30,000 from The Group Real Estate. Group Realtors and staff contribute regularly to GroupGives, a fund established in 2013 to support local agencies that work on housing issues. LTRG Co-Chair Laura Levy briefed the group on Senator Cory Gardner's August 8 meeting with local officials and LTRG representatives; the upcoming 2015 Family Safety and Emergency Preparedness EXPO to be held on September 26 at The Ranch Events Complex in

Loveland; and efforts of the Larimer Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD) to provide continuing support to survivors in 2016. Co-Chair Chris Moody closed the meeting with the announcement that Laura Levy would be honored with the Governor’s 2015 Outstanding Volunteer Service Award on August 28 at the Capitol.



- o 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*

<b>Program</b>	Consumer Protection
<b>Lead State Agency</b>	DORA Division of Insurance (DOI)
<b>DORA POC</b>	NA
<b>DHSEM POC</b>	NA
<b>Program Update</b>	

- 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*

<b>Program</b>	FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment
<b>Lead State Agency</b>	DHSEM
<b>DHSEM POC</b>	Deanna Butterbaugh, Deputy State Public Assistance Officer
<b>Program Update</b>	

- Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) were conducted in June and again in early August 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.
- President Obama issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Colorado on July 16, 2015. The declaration triggers the release of Federal funds to help our Colorado communities recover from the Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides that occurred May 4 to June 16, 2015. The current declaration includes 11 counties: Baca, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Logan, Morgan, Pueblo, Saguache, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma. The State has been awarded the Public Assistance and the Hazard Mitigation grant programs. The Public Assistance program is for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities. The Hazard Mitigation program provides assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards.
- The State submitted a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on August 7, 2015 for the designation of additional counties for Public Assistance under Major Disaster Declaration DR-4229 to include Adams, Boulder, and Park counties and the City and County of Denver. As of August 12, 2015, the request to designate the additional counties has been approved.

## Debris Management

*Spring 2015*

<b>Program</b>	NA
<b>Lead State Agency</b>	DHSEM
<b>DHSEM POC</b>	Robyn Knappe, Voluntary Agency Liaison
<b>Program Update</b>	

- 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](http://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](http://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**

- Douglas County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update submitted to FEMA for review on August 18, 2015.
- Four local HMPs remain in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (Teller = 0 of 4 adoptions received to date; Fremont = 3 of 4 adoptions received to date; El Paso = 2 of 8 adoptions received to date; NE Region = 20 of 37 adoptions received to date).
- Two HMPs in FEMA Required Revisions (RR) process (Arapahoe, Boulder)
- At least thirteen HMPs in planning process (Aurora, Broomfield, Chaffee, Colorado Springs, Costilla, Jefferson, Larimer, Las Animas, Montezuma, Pueblo, Routt, San Miguel, Weld).

- Provided technical assistance as requested from various HMGP Planning Grant and other local mitigation planning jurisdictions.

*DRs-4067, 4133, 4134, 4145, 4229*

**Program** FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)  
**Lead State Agency** DHSEM  
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**Guidance** FEMA HMGP guidance documents may be found at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

**Program Update**

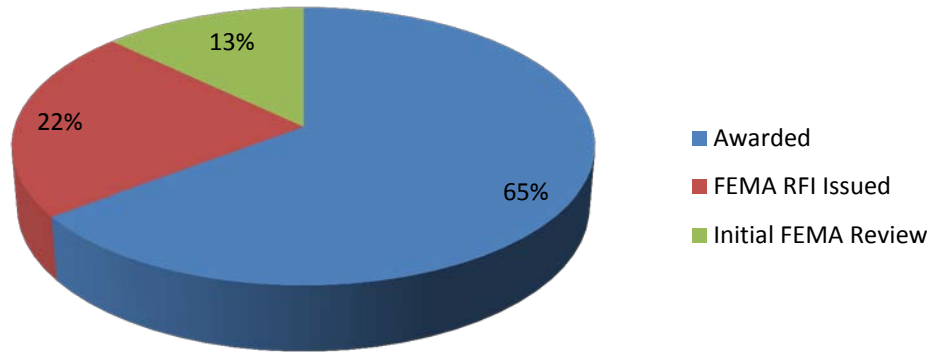
The State is currently working five disasters that involve HMGP funding: DR 4067, 4133, 4134, 4145, and 4229.

- 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](#).
- Mitigation staff conducted DR-4145 HMGP Kickoff meetings with the City of Boulder and Boulder County last week. The kickoff's initiated the formal start for multiple generator projects throughout the Boulder metropolitan area.

## Infrastructure

<b>Program</b>	FEMA Public Assistance Program (PA)
<b>Lead State Agency</b>	DHSEM
<b>DHSEM POC</b>	Johan Barrios, Recovery Specialist
<b>Guidance</b>	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit/">http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit/</a>
<b>Program Update</b>	

- In the last week, eighteen requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and twenty RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,285 of which 882 are recommended for payment and 175 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 228 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$162.7 million, and \$144.6 million is considered initially eligible. \$97.9 million has been recommended for payment, \$17.8 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$28.9 million is still in progress.

- Three 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 346 of which 236 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 52 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 58 are in progress.
- There have been zero payments made in the last week for total of zero dollars including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**
  - Next PA call will be August 28, 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 can be found [www.dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr](http://www.dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr).
- 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
Projects Awarded	0	54	\$0	\$15,965,360
Projects Under Contract	3	25	\$0	\$9,014,703

- Allocation 1
  - Contract for City of Loveland, sent to Grantee for execution April 8, 2015. Grantee has requested a few changes, sent out to Grantee for signature on June 22, 2015.
  - Contract for City of Loveland, sent to Grantee for execution on April 24, 2015. Grantee has requested a few changes, sent out to Grantee for signature on June 22, 2015.
  - Contract for City of Louisville received back from Grantee on July 29, 2015. Awaiting Release of Funds (ROF)
  - Contract for El Paso County - two contracts, received back from Grantee on July 23, 2015.
  - Contract for City of Louisville, 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 Release of Funds (ROF) for 1(b).
  - Contract for Larimer County – Big Elk Meadows, sent to Grantee for signature on July 6, 2015.
  - Contract for City of Manitou Springs - Wildcat Gulch Culvert, received back from Grantee on July 23, 2015, waiting on ROF.
  - Contract for Jamestown – Water Extension, received back from Grantee on August 6, 2015, waiting on ROF.
  - Contract for Estes Valley Recreation and Parks District, sent to DOLA for final execution July 31, 2015.
  - Contract for Aurora Housing Authority, sent to Grantee for signature on July 27, 2015.



- Drafted contracts for: City of Manitou Springs – Streambed Renovation and Fountain Creek Retaining Walk, sent to DOLA for review on July 29, 2015.
- Working with the Town of Estes Park, Upper Thompson Sanitation District, Larimer County and City of Evans on payment requests.
- Projects under construction:
  - Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District – Fish Creek Corridor
  - Town of Frederick – Bella Rosa and Wetland Loop
  - Jamestown – Water Plant
- Allocation 2
  - DHSEM received 100 applications on May 29, 2015. Project notifications went out on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 explaining which projects would be receiving a Next Steps Letter.

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