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

***** ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DR-4229 APPLICANTS *****

The FEMA Disaster Procurement Assistance Team (DPAT) will be conducting procurement trainings next week for FEMA Public Assistance DR-4229 applicants. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General (OIG) reports that a failure to follow federal procurement regulations is one of the key issues identified in audit findings. This finding may result in a Public Assistance applicant (a FEMA PA Program sub-grantee) being asked to return Federal assistance.

One representative from each applicant participating in the FEMA Public Assistance program is required to attend this procurement training.

Please be aware that missing this important training can put an applicant at higher risk of an OIG finding by being uninformed of common issues that arise during DHS OIG procurement auditing.

The training sessions will be held in person at the following times and locations:

- **Tuesday, September 1, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Emergency Services Center, 101 W. 10th St., Pueblo, CO 81003
- **Wednesday, September 2, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Morgan CO Admin Building, Assembly Room, 231 Ensign St., Fort Morgan, CO 80701
- **Thursday, September 3, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
South Metro Fire Rescue (2nd floor), State EOC, 9195 E. Mineral Ave., Centennial, CO 80112

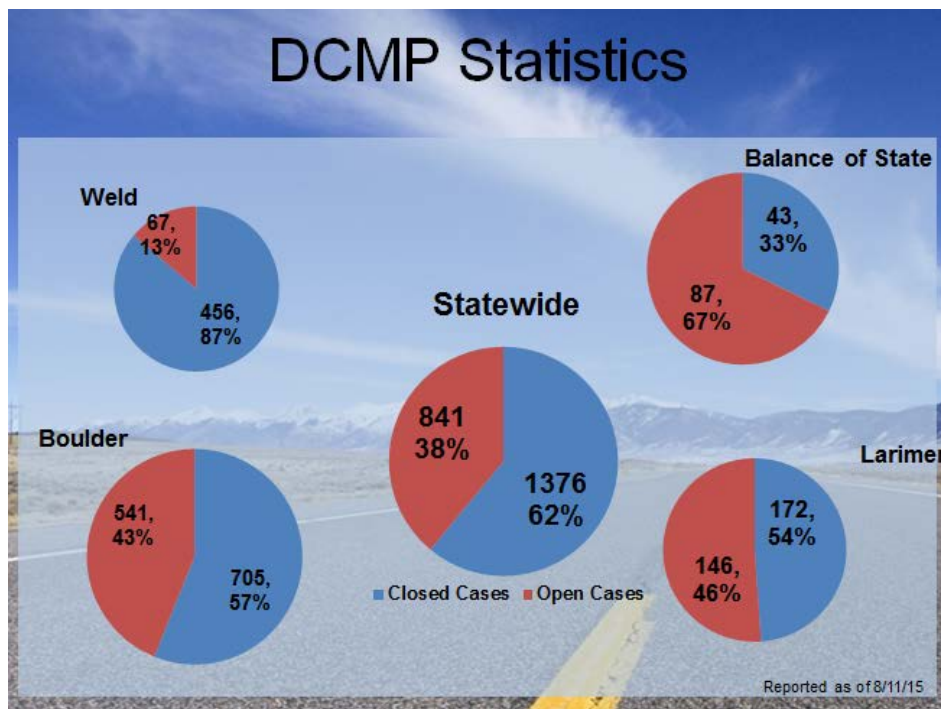
Please RSVP to the session that best fits your schedule by emailing caroline.gillespie@state.co.us. We look forward to seeing you next week!

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 August 18, 2015, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL), Robyn Knappe, and Disaster Case Management Program Manager, Chuck Sullivan, met with Catholic Charities program management and accounting personnel to review current and projected grant spending and preliminary transition/demobilization plans. Catholic Charities is the State's sub-recipient providing disaster case management services to survivors of the 2013 floods in Boulder, Weld and the eight Balance of State counties (Adams, Arapahoe, Clear Creek, El Paso, Fremont, Jefferson, Logan and Morgan). A meeting with Lutheran Family Services, the sub-recipient serving Larimer County, was held last month.
 - On August 20, 2015 the State VAL attended a Weld Recovers Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) Committee meeting in Greeley. The LTRG and Unmet Needs Committee (UNC) are winding down and plan to meet until the end of 2015. The Disaster Case Management office will officially transition on October 31, 2015 to Catholic Charities.
 - 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

DR-4229

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) for DR-4229
 - Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments 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.
- State Applicant Briefings and FEMA Kick-Off Meetings
 - The State conducted Applicant Briefings and FEMA held Kick-Off Meetings the first couple weeks of August for counties originally designated in DR-4229. This week will conclude the Applicant Briefings and Kick-Off Meetings for the additional counties designated in DR-4229.



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

- Fremont County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update submitted to FEMA for final approval on August 19, 2015.
- Two local HMPs remain in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (Teller = 0 of 4 adoptions received to date; El Paso = 2 of 8 adoptions received to date).
- NE Region continues to procure local HMP adoptions (22 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).
- Continued attendance and participation at local HMP development meetings; technical assistance provided as requested from various HMGP Planning Grant and other local mitigation planning jurisdictions.

DRs-4067, 4133, 4134, 4145, 4229

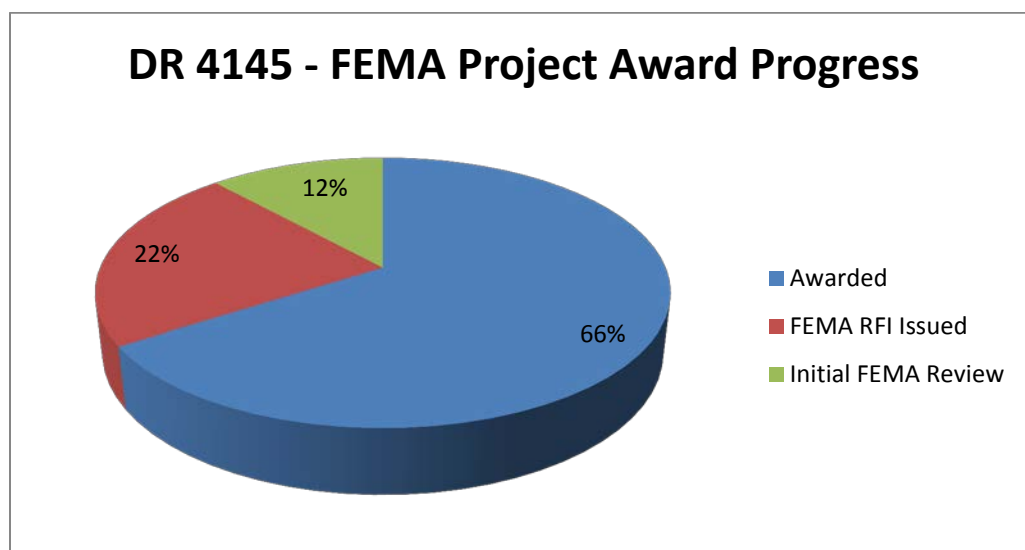
Program FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin, Mitigation Specialist
Guidance FEMA HMGP guidance documents may be found at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>
Program Update

The State is currently working 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 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 10 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 three site visits at different locations throughout the state including the PDM 2014 Crestview Ditch Project in the City of Durango, the FMA 2011 Lower Westerly Creek Flood Control Improvement in the City of Aurora, and the final project closeout of the PDM 2012 Greencrest Channel Stabilization in the City of Colorado Springs.



Work is nearly halfway completed for the FMA 2011, Lower Westerly Creek Flood Control Improvement Project in the City of Aurora.



Completed improvements of the PDM 2012 Greencrest Channel Stabilization project in the City of Colorado Springs. The project was completed on scheduled and nearly \$1.5 Million under budget!

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, 36 requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and 12 RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,337 of which 894 are recommended for payment and 187 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 243 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$163.7 million, and \$147.6 million is considered initially eligible. \$99 million has been recommended for payment, \$17.6 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$31 million is still in progress.
- Zero requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and three were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 354 of which 239 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 51 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 64 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.
- 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	\$9,023,861

- 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
- Monitored the City of Manitou Springs on August 7, 2015 and Town of Milliken on August 12, 2015.
- 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.

Volunteer Coordination

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

- Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee Meeting, August 17, 2015
 - The Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD) Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee (ESCC) met on August 17, 2015 at the American Red Cross in Denver. The group received reports from the Credentialing Committee and the Vetting Committee and is in the process of formulating a mobilization plan for their Disaster Spiritual Care (DSC) Providers. Three members of ESCC, Maggie Roe, Don Falvey, and Keith Schemper, attended the First Annual National Spiritual Care Summit in Chicago. All reported the event was very informative and the “working summit” provided a great opportunity to learn from others working in the DSC field. The Summit leaders recognized Colorado as one of four states excelling in developing and providing DSC in line with the National Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (NVOAD) guidelines. ESCC will hold their next meeting on September 21, 2015 at the American Red Cross offices in Denver.



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