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Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

October 1, 2015

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



Arapahoe County Apartment Fire: *The State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) is working closely with Arapahoe Emergency Management, Arapahoe County Housing and Human Services in conjunction with the Red Cross and other Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) agencies after over 100 families, many of whom were immigrants, were displaced following an apartment fire on September 16. The fire damage was further complicated by the presence of asbestos, leaving residents unable to retrieve many of their belongings. The VAL was successful in finding a solution through Arapahoe County in getting a small amount of funds reallocated to Lutheran Family Services (LFS). LFS has programs and expertise dealing with refugees and asylees and will assist in connecting those displaced with appropriate resources. Other VOAD partners and non-profits are also supporting this disaster. Four conference calls and two face-to-face meetings have been held to coordinate services between agencies. A team has been able to successfully place those without another apartment in temporary hotels thanks to the Red Cross. More long term housing is being sought but the market for rentals and affordable housing is tight.*

Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

Program Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally

Program Update

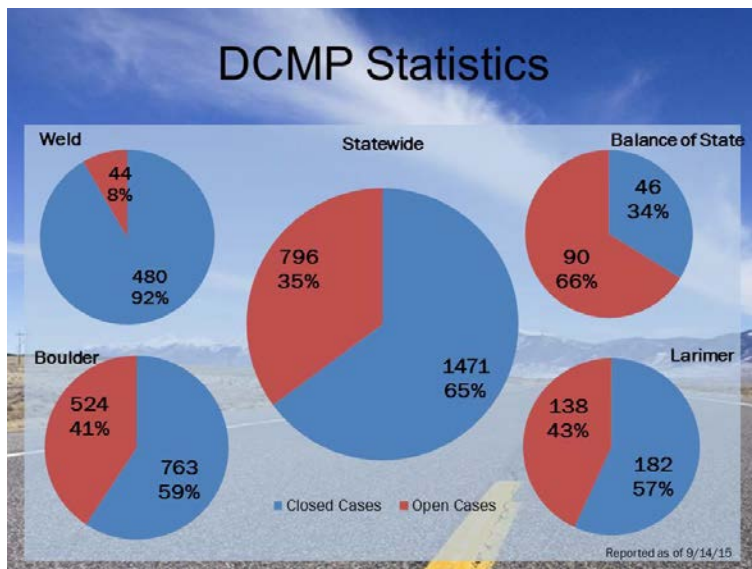
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration #14467 and #14468. Effective September 16, 2015, SBA loans for physical damage and economic injury are available in El Paso, Crowley, Fremont, Teller, Douglas, Lincoln, Elbert, and Pueblo Counties.
- SBA Representatives are available to assist until October 1st at the following location:
Colorado Springs Fire Department
Prevention Conference Room - First Floor
[375 Printers Parkway](#)
[Colorado Springs CO 80910](#)
- The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is November 16, 2015. The deadline to return economic injury applications is June 16, 2016. ([SBA Disaster Loans](#))



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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)
 - As of August 31, 2015, nearly two years after the record 2013 floods, nearly 800 flood survivor cases remain open. Over half of those cases are being managed by the State’s Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP). Close to 400 clients are currently seeking assistance under several Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) housing programs, including home repairs and replacement, being administered by Colorado’s Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).



- FEMA Region VIII recently approved a second 90-day, no-cost extension of the Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) grant. This is the final program extension available and it authorizes continued operations through March 11, 2016. With this new end date in mind, updated transition plans will be prepared for the four regional offices (Boulder, Larimer, Weld, and the eight Balance of State counties). State DCMP management is working with its sub-grantees, Catholic Charities and Lutheran Family Services, the long term recovery groups in Boulder, Larimer and Weld counties, and other others to coordinate planning efforts. These plans will address the effective use of the additional three months to assist survivors, and the orderly transition of open cases remaining at the end of the grant to capable government and non-government organizations.

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

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Program FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Steve Boand, 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.
 - The State conducted Applicant Briefings and FEMA held Kick-Off Meetings in August and September for entities Requesting Public Assistance.

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, was due to FEMA on 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, was due to FEMA on August 28, 2015.

Program Mitigation Planning
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Patricia Gavelda, Mitigation Planner
Program Update
9/28/2015

- City of Aurora Hazard Mitigation Program (HMP) under State review.
- One local HMP in approved pending adoption (APA) status (Arapahoe County = 0 of 13 adoptions received to date).
- NE Region continues to procure local HMP adoptions (23 of 37 received to date).
- El Paso County continues to procure local HMP adoptions (7 of 8 adoptions received to date).
- One HMP in FEMA Required Revisions (RR) process (Boulder County).
- At least twelve HMPs in planning process (Broomfield, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Colorado Springs, Costilla, Jefferson, Larimer, 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>

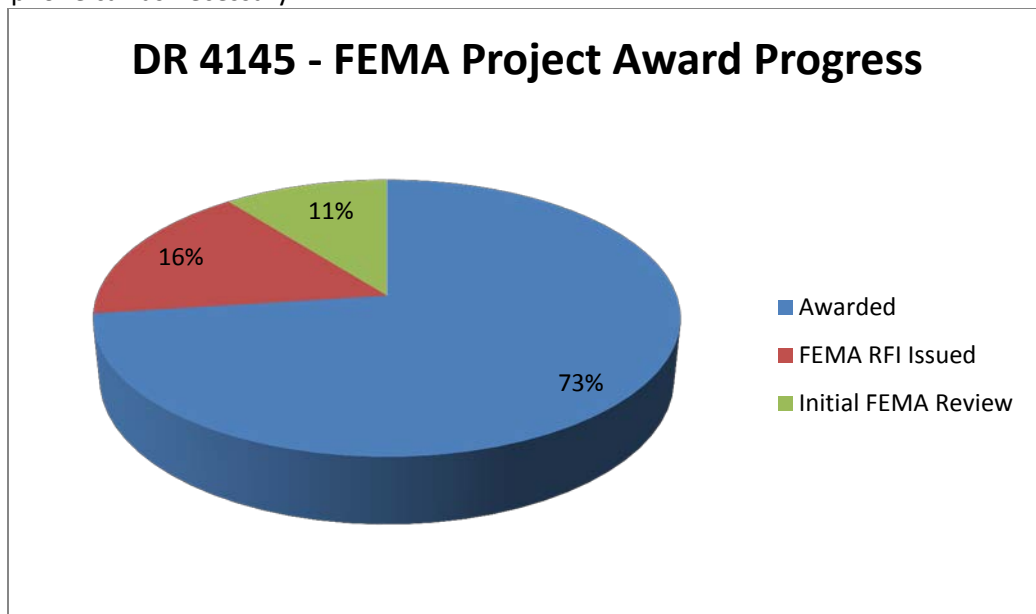
Program Update

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 9 projects remain in the initial FEMA review queue. Many projects have been awarded and many projects have been issued a FEMA Request for Information (RFI), 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 submitted applications for the FY15 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance grants, including the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA). 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	

DR-4145

- In the last week, 11 requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and 17 RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,406 of which 1000 are recommended for payment and 208 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 198 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$167.8 million, and \$150.2 million is considered initially eligible. \$107.5 million has been recommended for payment, \$22.3 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$20.4 million is still in progress.
- Five requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and 10 were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 371 of which 254 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 61 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 56 are in progress.
- There have been zero payments made in the last week for total of \$0.00 including federal and state share.
- Eighty-four small project closeout requests and two large project closeout requests have been submitted to FEMA.
- **Announcements:**
 - Next PA call will be October 30, 2015 at 9 a.m. Call in information and presentation will be sent out prior to the call.

DR-4229

- FEMA has obligated more than \$1.7 million in federal funding to assist the 15 affected counties.
- There is an expectation of +/- 160 total Project Worksheets (PWs) estimating \$30-\$40 million for DR-4229. The goal is to have 100% of PWs written and approved in the Federal grant management system by Thanksgiving.
- DHSEM's request to extend the incident period to April 24 – July 9, 2015 (originally approved for May 4 – Jun 16, 2015) has been denied by FEMA.
- As of September 14, 2015, there is a total of 62 Requests for Public Assistance (54 Active, 5 Withdrawn/Closed, 2 Pending Review, 1 Ineligible/Closed) approved by FEMA. Monday, August 31st was the deadline for the initial designated counties to submit their Request for Public Assistance and Friday, September 11, 2015 was the deadline for the additional designated counties.
- **Announcements:**
 - The Bi-Weekly PA Applicants Assistance Call is Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Please submit questions you wish to be addressed during this teleconference to: cdps_dhsem_PA4229@state.co.us

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

1st Allocation – Infrastructure Program (\$21,067,600)

Infrastructure (\$19.4M)	Count			Dollar Amount		
	This Month	Previous	Cumulative	This Month	Previous	Cumulative
Projects Awarded	0	54	54	\$0	\$15,965,360	\$15,965,360
Projects Under Contract	4	33	37	\$2,105,497	\$9,025,976	\$11,131,473
# Projects Started (first draw)*	4	0	4	\$83,476	\$0	\$83,476
# Projects Completed	1	0	1	\$7,344	\$0	\$7,344

*Include Completed Projects

1st Allocation Comments

- Contract for City of Loveland (\$52,425.78), sent to Grantee for execution 4/8/15. Grantee has requested a few changes, sent out to Grantee for signature on 6/22/15.
- Contract for City of Loveland (\$242,120), sent to Grantee for execution on 4/24/15. Grantee has requested a few changes, sent out to Grantee for signature on 6/22/15.
- Contract for City of Louisville (\$365,460.26), received back from Grantee 7/29/15, waiting for ROF.
- Contracts for Town of Lyons -Acquisition of three properties (1b) (\$689,953.69), waiting for ROF.
- Contract for Larimer County – Big Elk Meadows (\$69,646.00), sent to Grantee for signature on 7/6/15.
- Contract for Larimer County (796,180), sent to Grantee for signature on 8/17/15.
- 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; Town of Milliken on August 12, 2015; and Town of Estes Park/Upper Thompson Sanitation District for the Fish Creek Corridor on September 17, 2015.
- Contracts that got executed in September:
 - Jamestown water service extension, executed on September 9/3/15 (\$495,000)
 - Manitou Springs – Fountain Creek Retain Wall, executed on 9/4/15 (\$22,800)
 - Town of Windsor - John Law Floodplain Flood Risk Reduction, executed on 9/4/15 (added \$653,197 to contract)
 - Upper Thompson Sanitation District – Fish Creek Utilities, executed on 9/5/15 (added 459,300.25)
 - Manitou Springs – Wildcat Gulch Streambed Renovation executed on 9/18/15 (\$162,600)
 - Manitou Springs – Wildcat Gulch Culvert Replacement executed on 9/18/15 (\$312,600)

2nd Allocation – Infrastructure Program (\$34,278,810)

Infrastructure (\$34.2M)	Count			Dollar Amount		
	This Month	Previous	Cumulative	This Month	Previous	Cumulative
Projects Awarded	1	0	1	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
Projects Under Contract	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
# Projects Started (first draw)*	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
# Projects Completed	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Include Completed Projects

2nd Allocation Comments

- 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.
- DHSEM will be sending out Next Steps Letters in September 2015.

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Volunteer Coordination

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

- **Colorado Baptists** On September 25, 2015, Dennis Belz, Region V Coordinator for Colorado hosted a meeting of six states featuring some training from Oklahoma. Featured training was "assessors" training" A big thank you was given to Region 3 and Region 5 for all the help mucking out and mold remediation for Spring 2015 Storms.



Mitigation and Recovery Points of Contact

If you are unsure of the appropriate contact or if you have general questions/concerns for any of the grant programs, please call the Colorado Recovery Hotline at 720-500-5510.

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