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Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

October 8, 2015

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



(Lake Dillon Fire Rescue)

Brush Creek Fire On Friday, October 2, 2015 a wildfire started in the area of the White National Forest and private land to the west of MM 117 and Colorado Highway-9 (north of Silverthorne). Local and mutual aid engines and USFS-UCR worked the fire until Saturday morning. At times the fire behavior was aggressive, torching, and running at times when it was wind driven. A rain shower around midnight, Saturday caused the fire to lay-down and with the work of more than 100 firefighters on the ground and two water-dropping helicopters, the Brush Creek Fire was fully contained by the evening of Sunday, October 4. While 238 acres were scorched, no one was hurt and no buildings were damaged. Lake Dillon Fire Rescue and Summit County will continue to monitor the area for hotspots until the first snow fall.

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.
- 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](#))



Program

FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)

Lead State Agency

DHSEM

DHSEM POC

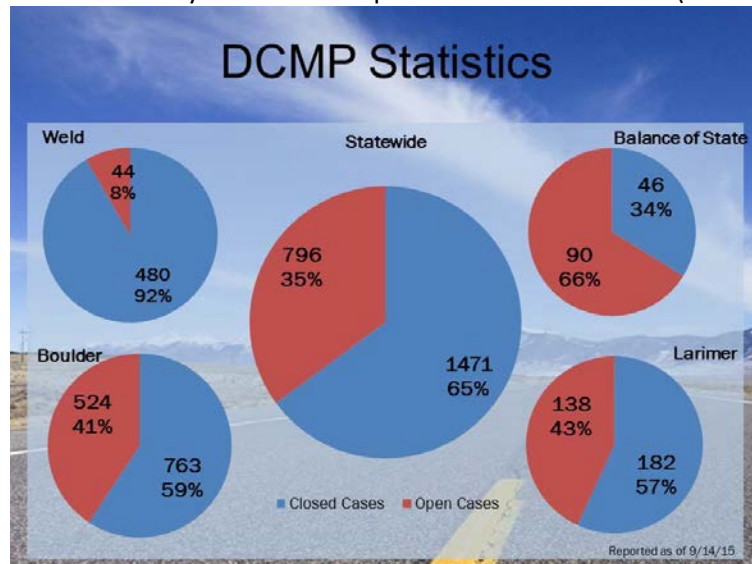
Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)

Program Update

- Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP)
 - On September 30, Disaster Case Management (DCM) Program Manager Chuck Sullivan attended the quarterly meeting of Colorado Voluntary Agencies in Disaster (COVOAD) at Catholic Charities headquarters in Denver. COVOAD Chair Diane Elio (Catholic Charities) introduced the organization’s newly elected Secretary, Kristy Judd (Metro Volunteers) and Vice-Chair Dennis Belz (Colorado Southern Baptists). Dennis provided the attendees with an overview of his organization’s array of services that can be deployed in a disaster’s relief and recovery phases and an update on the “Yellow Shirts” work in the Black Forest fire area and recent efforts to assist survivors of Colorado’s 2015 Spring Storms. Don Falvey of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) followed with an update of the progress of the Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee to establish a trained, credentialed cadre to assist in future disaster response efforts.



- 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).



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	Steve Board, 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

10/5/2015

- City of Aurora Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update under State review.
- One local HMP in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (Arapahoe County = 1 of 13 adoptions to date).
- NE Region continues to procure local HMP adoptions (23 of 37 adoptions received to date).
- El Paso County continues to procure local HMP adoptions (7 of 8 adoptions received to date).

- Two HMPs in FEMA Required Revisions (RR) process (Boulder County and Douglas County).
- At least twelve HMPs in planning process (Broomfield, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Colorado Springs, Costilla, Jefferson, Larimer, Montezuma, Pueblo, Routt, San Miguel, Weld).
- Dolores County (HMP Update) and San Juan County (new HMP) in grant application process; San Luis Valley (5 counties) also beginning grant application process for Regional HMP Update.
- 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

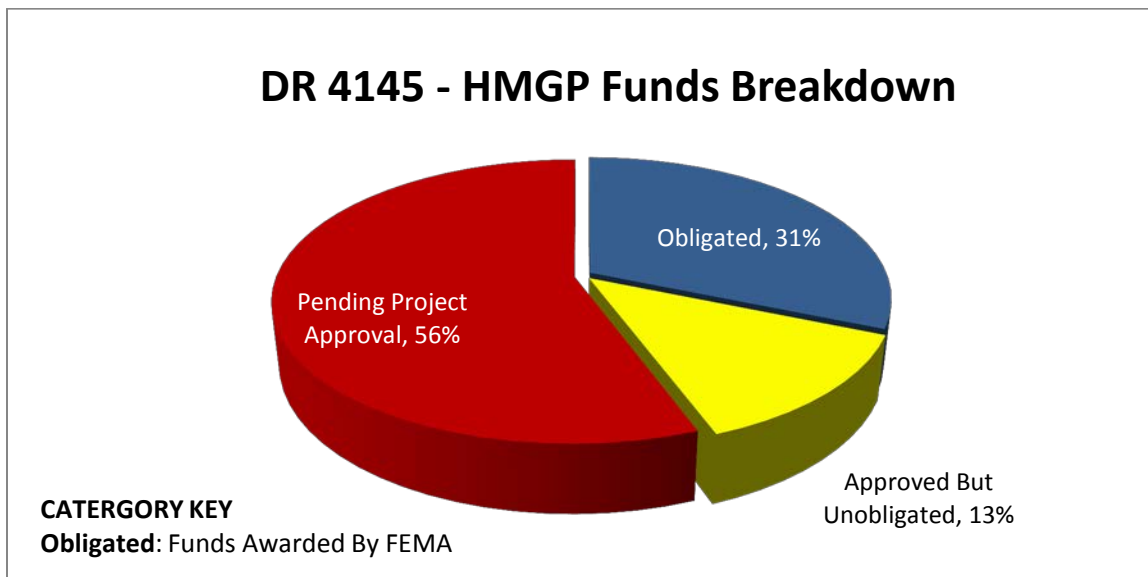
Program FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin, Mitigation Specialist
Guidance FEMA HMGP guidance documents may be found at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

Program Update

The State is currently working five disasters that involve HMGP funding: DR 4067, 4133, 4134, 4145, and 4229. A breakdown of projects by disaster is below:

Disaster	Number of Projects
4067	4
4133	2
4134	7
4145	79
Total Projects	92

FEMA continues to review project applications. Only 9 projects remain in the initial FEMA review queue due to extended project analysis, technical feasibility, environmental, historical, cultural review/studies and/or project phasing deliverables. The majority of projects have been awarded and the state continues to coordinate projects still under review.



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](#).

The state has conducted HMGP kickoff meetings for DR-4145 within the last week for the Town of Lyons, the City of Fort Collins, and the Town of Loveland which initiated the formal start for a variety of mitigation projects and activities.

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, 18 requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and 19 RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,424 of which 1,014 are recommended for payment and 200 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 210 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$169.5 million, and \$150.75 million is considered initially eligible. \$108.7 million has been recommended for payment, \$19.85 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$22.2 million is still in progress.
- Two requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and 2 were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 367 of which 256 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 58 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 53 are in progress.
- There has been one payment made in the last week for total of \$146,117.04, including federal and state share.
- One hundred and sixty-one small project closeouts and two large project closeouts 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

- As of September 29, 2015, there are 56 PWs entered into the Federal grant management system, EMMIE. That is roughly 26% of the projected 219 total PWs. The goal is to have 75% of PWs completed by Halloween and 100% completed by Thanksgiving.
- Hurricane Joaquin may require FEMA to move their Project Specialist from Colorado to the East Coast. This heightens the urgency for all of us in Colorado to complete the PWs we are processing. Once the FEMA PA Project Specialists leave Colorado, all of the PW writing will transition to FEMA Region VIII along with the backlog of DR-4145.
- Please work with your FEMA PA to get the information necessary for your PW. Estimations may be used for writing the PWs. It is crucial for local entities to work with their FEMA PA Project Specialist on getting the information necessary to complete the PW as soon as possible.
- DHSEM is currently in process of writing the first Purchase Orders for Small Projects (PW<\$121,600) and the first Grant Agreements for Large Projects (PW>\$121,600). The Purchase Orders and Grant Agreements are the mechanisms for payment processing to begin.
- Purchase Orders will be a rather simple process. For projects under \$121,600, a Purchase Order will be completed and submitted to the subgrantee and will soon after receive a check for the total amount.

- Grant Agreements will be drafted for projects over \$121,600 and sent to the subgrantee for review and approve. Once the grant agreement has been signed by the Authorized Agent, the grant agreement will be sent back to DHSEM and then to the CDPS Controller for signature. This is a timely process that requires each agency to get signatures in a timely manner.
- Announcements:**
 - The Bi-Weekly PA Applicants Assistance Call is Thursday, October 15, 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 Louisville (\$365,460.26), received back from Grantee 7/29/15, 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 DOLA for signature on 9/28/15.
- 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 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, amendment executed on 9/4/15 (added \$653,197 to contract)
 - Upper Thompson Sanitation District – Fish Creek Utilities, amendment 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)

	Count			Dollar Amount		
	This Month	Previous	Cumulative	This Month	Previous	Cumulative
Infrastructure (\$34.2M)						
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/October 2015.
- DHSEM will be receiving appeals to the 2nd allocation close of business, Monday, October 5, 2015.

Contact: Justine Willman at Justine.willman@state.co.us or (720) 852-6712.

Volunteer Coordination

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

- The Arapahoe Apartment Fire continues to be an interagency collaboration. Lutheran Family Services was contracted by Arapahoe County to coordinate resources and perform case management for approximately 55 families and households. Arapahoe County Human Services has been able to get permission to utilize some existing funding to assist clients of the fire. Storage of belongings is the hurdle of the week as the reconstruction cannot begin until renter's belongings are removed. Another conference coordination call is scheduled for 11:30 on Tuesday.
- The State VAL taught Mass Care G108 in the South Central region with American Red Cross Emergency Services Director, Sally Broomfield. The material was updated from 2014 and thanks go to Jaclyn Kurle for help with the curriculum.

Training Opportunities

- Jo Barrios, Recovery Specialist, has arranged an EMGrantsPro training on Wednesday, October 14th at 9 – 10:45 a.m. in the Policy Room on the 2nd floor of 9195 E. Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112.
- Those who cannot participate in person are invited to join via webcast at <https://share.dhs.gov/emgprotraining/>
The call in information is: Conference Number(s): 720-279-0026 Participant Code: 522939#

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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