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Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

October 21, 2015

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



CPR News, 10/21/15 <https://www.cpr.org/news/story/epa-launch-treatment-plant-gold-king-mine-wastewater>

Gold King Mine Update State agencies continue to coordinate and address needs of the communities impacted by the Gold King Mine Incident. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) completed construction of a wastewater treatment plant and, as of Friday, October 17th, it is operating 24-hours a day. The plant is expected to treat up to 800 gallons per minute, removing 85 percent of metals of concern. The EPA continues to monitor the site and is investigating longterm solutions to address hazards associated with abandoned mines.

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](#))



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Program FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)

Lead State Agency DHSEM

DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)

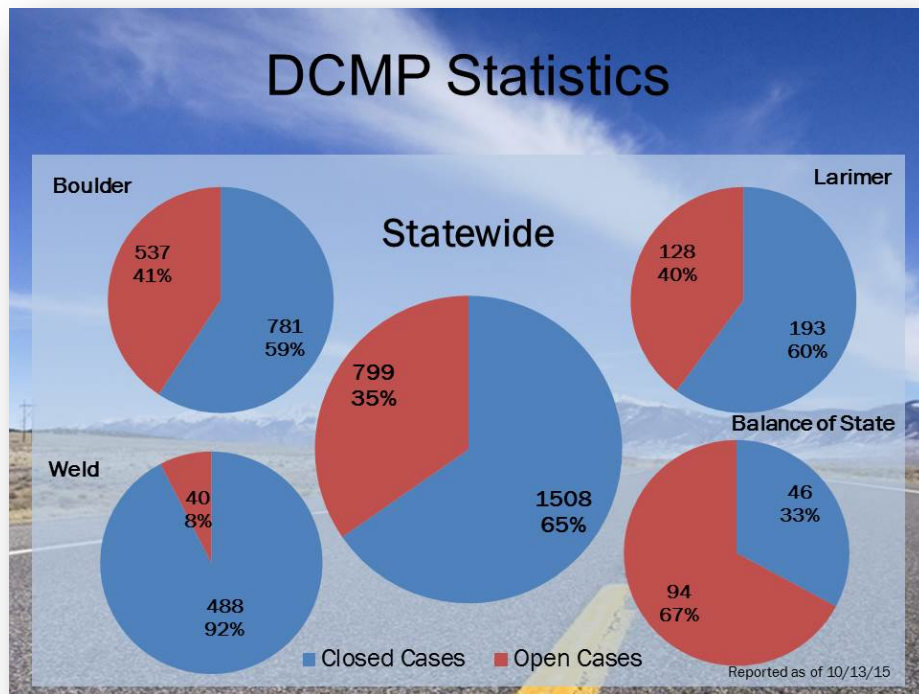
Program Update

Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP): October 20, 2015

- On October 13, Disaster Case Management (DCM) Program Manager Chuck Sullivan attended the Larimer County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meeting at the Cowboy Church in Loveland. The attendees were briefed on the status of the group's finances, including expenditures, commitments and the remaining Unmet Needs funds available. In addition, the group was briefed on case management and CDBG-DR activities, including the many home access, private roads and bridges projects presently being managed out of the Loveland Housing Authority office. The volunteer activity report included the announcement of a fourth AmeriCorps team scheduled to arrive October 31 for a six-week stay, and the news that Brethren Disaster Ministries will be continuing their work in the county through Christmas. LTRG Co-Chair Laura Levy briefed the group on the county's resiliency planning project work in support of the Governor's Office, and the Larimer County VOAD's (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) efforts to provide continuing support to survivors in 2016. Co-Chair Chris Moody announced that he would be travelling to South Carolina to share his experiences and knowledge gained in Colorado with those coping with the recent, devastating floods there.



- At September 30, 2015, two years after 2013's record floods, the number of open survivor cases was 799. Just over one-half of these cases (413) are being overseen by the State's Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP). On a State-wide basis, of the more than 2,300 cases opened since the floods, nearly two-thirds have been closed. Many of the remaining open cases are the most challenging and have requested assistance under several Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) housing programs (home access, repairs and/or replacement) being administered by Colorado's Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Assistance under these programs requires extensive environmental and cost reviews. To continue helping these clients, as well as others seeking help from other sources, the State asked for---and subsequently received---FEMA's approval to extend Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) services from December 12, 2015 to March 11, 2016. The State is working closely with its grant sub-recipients, Catholic Charities and Lutheran Family Services; the Boulder, Larimer and Weld County long term recovery groups (LTRG's); non-profits and local government agencies to use this additional time effectively in support of our neighbors in need.



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

October 19, 2015

- City of Aurora Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) under State review.
- One local HMP in adoption pending approval (APA) status (Arapahoe County = 1 of 13 adoptions to date).
- Northeast Region continues to procure local HMP adoptions (27 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 fifteen HMPs in planning process (Broomfield, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Colorado Springs, Costilla, Custer, Jefferson, Larimer, Las Animas, Montezuma, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, 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 jurisdiction

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>

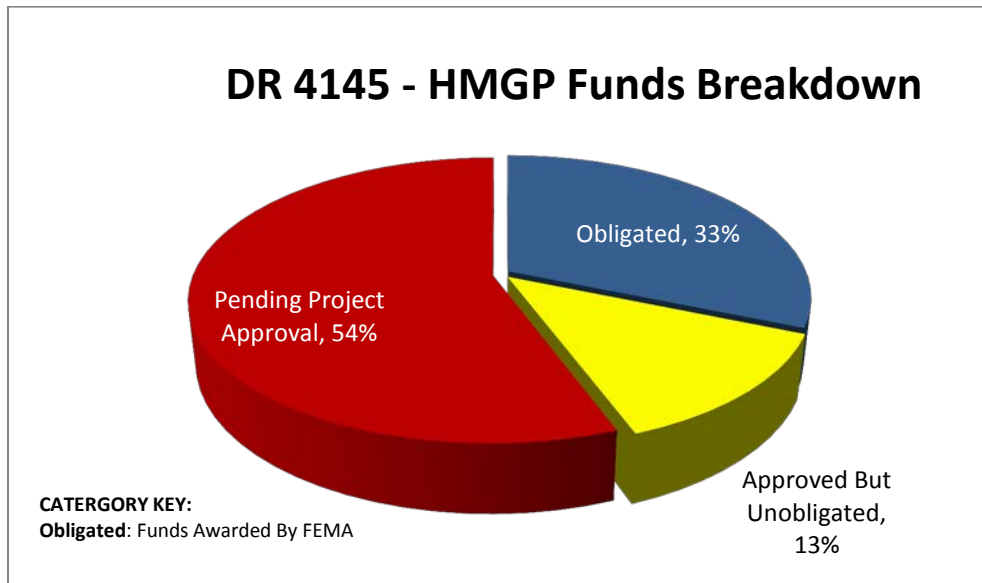
Program Update

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	78
Total Projects	91

FEMA continues to review project applications. Only nine 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.

DR 4145 - HMGP Funds Breakdown



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](#).

HMGP 4229 Applicant Briefing

The Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's (DHSEM) Office of Emergency Management will be hosting the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4229 Applicant Briefing at 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 22nd at the State Emergency Operations Center (address below).

**9195 E. Mineral Ave.
Centennial, CO 80012
2nd Floor**

Information regarding eligible projects, funding priorities and program timelines will be shared at the briefing. The presentation will be hosted both in person as well as via Adobe Connect web conferencing and should last approximately two - three hours depending on questions.

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, 13 requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and 16 RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1448, of which 1052 are recommended for payment and 209 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 187 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$172.3 million, and \$153.2 million is considered initially eligible. \$110.6 million has been recommended for payment, \$20.6 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$22 million is still in progress.

- Eight 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 380 of which 256 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 60 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.
- One hundred and sixty-one small project closeouts and two large project closeouts have been submitted to FEMA.
- **Announcements:**
 - The 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

- 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 (POs) for Small Projects (PW<\$121,600) and the first Grant Agreements (GAs) for Large Projects (PW>\$121,600). The Purchase Orders and Grant Agreements are the mechanisms for payment processing to begin.
- As of October 19, 2015:
 - 31 Obligated Projects, 23 Small Projects and 8 Large Projects
 - Purchase Orders for Small Projects
 - 13 POs have been submitted to Finance for Approval
 - 10 POs are in Draft
 - Grant Agreement for Large Projects
 - Two GAs mailed to SubGrantee
 - Four GAs submitted to Grants
 - Two GAs in draft
- Purchase Orders will be a rather simple process. For projects under \$121,600, a Purchase Order will be completed and submitted to the sub-grantee 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 sub-grantee 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 29, 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	3	37	40	\$1,090,726	\$11,131,473	\$12,222,199
# Projects Started (first draw)*	0	4	4	\$0	\$83,476	\$83,476
# Projects Completed	0	1	1	\$0	\$7,344	\$7,344

*Include Completed Projects

1st Allocation Comments

- Contract for City of Louisville received back from Grantee July 29, 2015, waiting for ROF.
- Contract for Larimer County – Big Elk Meadows sent to Grantee for signature on July 6, 2015.
- Projects under construction:
 - Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District – Fish Creek Corridor
 - Town of Frederick – Bella Rosa and Wetland Loop
 - Jamestown – Water Plant

Contracts executed in October:

- Amendment for Town of Frederick , the budget line items got rearranged to meet the project needs
- Larimer County FEMA PA Match for road reconstruction
- City of Loveland, reimbursement for water/sewer line repairs

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

Infrastructure (\$34.2M)	Count			Dollar Amount		
	This Month	Previous	Cumulative	This Month	Previous	Cumulative
Projects Awarded	0	1	1	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$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 received appeals for the 2nd allocation on Monday, October 5, 2015.

Volunteer Coordination

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

- Arapahoe County Apartment Fire

- Coordination continues between Arapahoe County, Aurora, The American Red Cross, Lutheran Family Services, Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army. Conference calls are performed weekly to discuss the status of displaced residents and changing needs.
- The apartment residents were able to return briefly to retrieve their belongings and work is scheduled begin shortly to repair the burned areas and work through the asbestos removal issues. The construction could take up to 90 days and all renters are being encouraged to look for permanent housing. The current housing market in the area continues to make this challenging.

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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