



# COLORADO

## Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

### Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

***November 5, 2015***

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



*COVOAD Members and State Employees work together in the EOC exercise*

***Emergency Exercise*** Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD) members attended a State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) exercise on October 30, 2015. Representatives from the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Metro Volunteers, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, The Salvation Army, and United Methodist Committee on Relief worked with state employees to practice immediate response efforts for an earthquake.

## 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](#))



*DR-4145*

**Program** FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)

**Lead State Agency** DHSEM

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

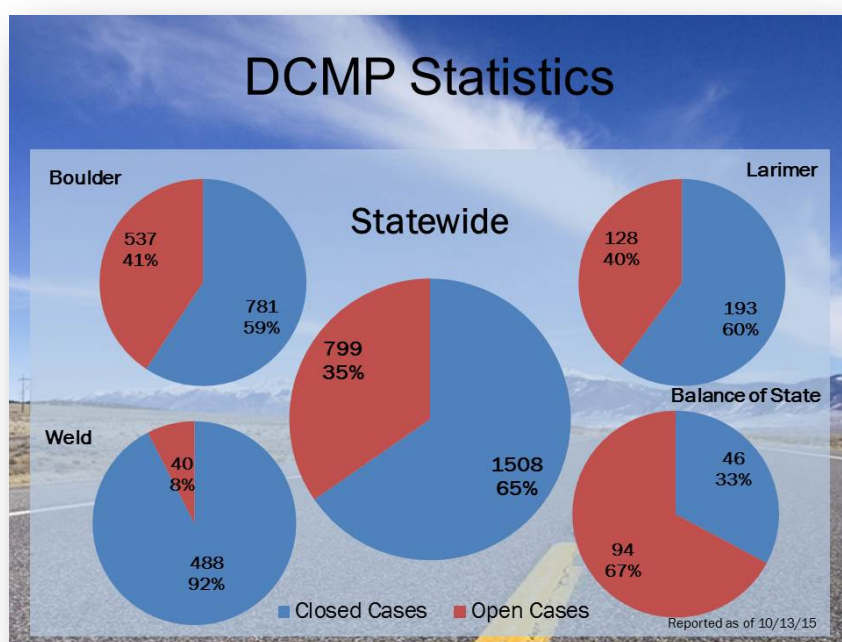
### Program Update

#### Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP)

- On October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, Disaster Case Management (DCM) Program Manager Chuck Sullivan attended the Boulder Long Term Flood Recovery Group's (LTFRG) after action review (AAR) debriefing sessions for case managers. The LTFRG's Master of Social Work (MSW) Intern, Laura Spicer, facilitated the two sessions at their Longmont office over a total of four hours. They are part of a series of meetings reviewing the formation and operation of the LTFRG. Boulder County, DCM and other case managers, including volunteers, attended and shared their experiences and thoughts on what worked well and what didn't in the delivery of case management services. The Case Management Supervisors will be meeting on November 5 in the final scheduled debriefing session. The product of this effort will be publication of a comprehensive AAR with lesson learned and recommendations for the future by the LTFRG's Executive Committee.
- On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Weld Recovers office in downtown Greeley closed. Clients were notified in advance and the DCMP staff will continue to assist them out of donated office space at Catholic Charities Guadalupe Center and Habitat for Humanity locations in Greeley. Flood survivors should be referred to

Catholic Charities' Toll Free Number at 844-531-2345.

- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 Statewide 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

<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.

## 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](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.
- DHSEM submitted an application, including all sub-applications, 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](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 National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- DHSEM submitted an application, including all sub-applications, to FEMA on August 28, 2015.

**Program** Mitigation Planning  
**Lead State Agency** DHSEM  
**DHSEM POC** Patricia Gavelda, Mitigation Planner  
**Program Update**

November 2, 2015

- Weld County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update under State review.
- One local HMP in approved pending adoption (APA) status (Arapahoe County = 5 of 13 adoptions to date).



- Northeast Region continues to procure local HMP adoptions (33 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 fourteen HMPs in planning process (Broomfield, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Colorado Springs, Costilla, Custer, Jefferson, Larimer, Las Animas, Montezuma, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, Routt, San Juan).
- Dolores, San Juan, and San Luis Valley (Five County Regional HMP Update) undergoing contract and procurement process.
- DR-4229 Planning Notice of Interests (NOIs), due November 7, 2015, are being developed by interested jurisdictions (Delta, Garfield, Montrose, Pitkin, Westminster)
- 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>

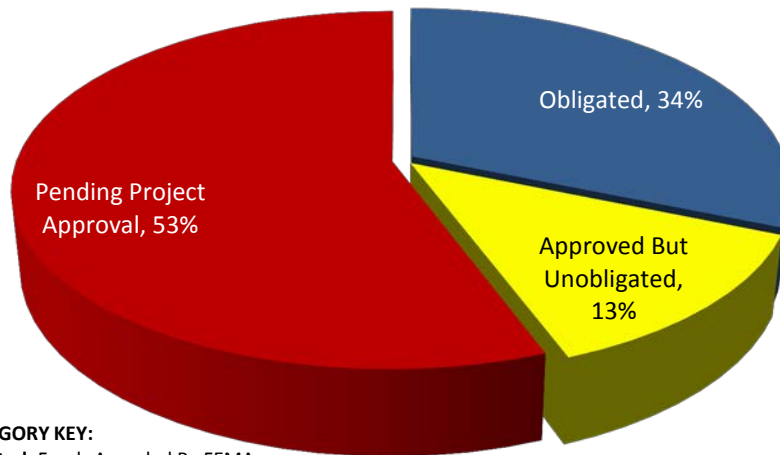
**Program Update**

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:

<b>Disaster</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>
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



**CATERGORY KEY:**

**Obligated:** Funds Awarded By FEMA

**Approved But Unobligated:** Approved/Unobligated Due To FEMA's Strategic Funds Management (SFM)

**Pending Project Approval:** Awaiting Project Approval From FEMA

The State is accepting Notice of Interest (NOI) for eligible projects for HMGP DR-4229. Completed NOIs for all projects (with the exception of mitigation plans) must be submitted to DHSEM no later than close of business Friday, November 6, 2015. NOIs by project type can be found on the [Mitigation & Recovery, 4229 Hazard Mitigation Assistance website](#).



### Mitigation Team Welcomes New Staff

Matt Arsenault recently joined DHSEM as a Mitigation Specialist. Arsenault will receive his BS in Organizational Security and Management from the University of Phoenix later this month and aspires to complete his Master's Degree in Terrorism Studies by 2018.

Professionally, Arsenault has over 20 years of experience in the security industry, retiring from the military in 2012 as a Military Police/Security Specialist. During his career, Arsenault has held positions such as Law Enforcement Instructor, Logistics Manager, and Base Anti-terrorism Officer. His time in the military has taken him to Italy, France, Greece, England, Germany, Hungary, Albania, Rwanda, Mali, Chad, Tunisia, Kuwait, and Iraq. The Mitigation Team is excited to welcome him and we look forward to her contributions at DHSEM.

## 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>	

### DR-4145

- In the last week, 18 requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and 11 RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1491, of which 1076 are recommended for payment and 217 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 198 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$178.3 million, and \$159.8 million is considered initially eligible. \$115.2 million has been recommended for payment, \$23.2 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$21.4 million is still in progress.
- Nine requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and four were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 393 of which 268 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 66 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 59 are in progress.
- There have been 17 payments made in the last week for total of \$755,461.05, including federal and state share.
- One-hundred and seventy-nine small project closeout requests and 13 large project closeouts have been submitted to FEMA.

### DR-4229

- Remember: All PWs must be written by Thanksgiving, November 26, 2015.
  - FEMA is on track to transition out of Colorado around Thanksgiving, as scheduled. It is crucial for applicants to work with their FEMA PA Project Specialist to get the information necessary to complete the PWs as soon as possible. DHSEM has asked FEMA to use estimations to help accelerate the process. We must stay focused on making sure all PWs are written before FEMA leaves Colorado to prevent the PWs from getting stuck in the backlog of DR-4145.
- DR-4229 PA Summary
  - FEMA has obligated sixty-seven (67) project worksheets. Purchase Orders (POs) are written for small projects (<\$121,600) and Grant Agreements (GAs) are written for large projects (>\$121,600).
  - Thirty-eight (38) PWs are drafted as either POs or GAs.
  - Nineteen (19) POs and one (1) GA have passed the initial approval process at DHSEM and have been submitted to CDPS for final approval.
  - Eleven (11) have passed the initial approval process at DHSEM and will be submitted to CDPS for approval by COB today.
  - Five (5) GAs are with the Sub-Grantee for signature.
  - Two (2) PWs will be written as amendments and are waiting for the original GA to be executed.
  - Twenty-nine (29) PWs will be converted into POs or GAs by the end of next week.
- **Announcements:**
  - The Monthly PA Applicants Assistance Call is Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Please submit questions you wish to be addressed during this teleconference to: [cdps\\_dhsem\\_PA4229@state.co.us](mailto: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>

**1<sup>st</sup> 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	37	41	\$1,780,679	\$11,131,473	\$12,912,152
# Projects Started (first draw)*	1	4	5	\$176,380	\$83,476	\$259,856
# Projects Completed	0	1	1	\$0	\$7,344	\$7,344

\*Include Completed Projects

**1<sup>st</sup> Allocation Comments**

- Contract for City of Louisville received back from Grantee 7/29/15, waiting for ROF.
- Contract for Larimer County – Big Elk Meadows sent to Grantee for signature on 7/6/15.
- Projects under construction:
  - Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District – Fish Creek Corridor
  - Town of Frederick – Bella Rosa and Wetland Loop
  - Jamestown – Water Plans

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Allocation – Infrastructure Program (\$34,278,810)**

Infrastructure (\$34.2M)	Count			Dollar Amount		
	This Month	Previous	Cumulative	This Month	Previous	Cumulative
Projects Awarded	16	1	17	\$13,371,998	\$5,000,000	\$18,371,998
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 received appeals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> allocation on Monday, October 5, 2015.
- DHSEM has sent Next Steps Letters to the following organizations:
  - Adams County
  - Big Elk Meadows
  - City of Evans
  - City of Loveland
  - City of Manitou Springs
  - El Paso County
  - Larimer County
  - Town of Estes Park

## **Volunteer Coordination**

**Lead State Agency** Colorado Recovery Office  
**DHSEM POC** Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)  
**Program Update**

- On October 23, three state agencies (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, DHSEM, and the Department of Human Services) met to work through the ongoing support during the Response and Recovery phase for the newly formed COVOAD Emotional Spiritual Care team. After developing a chart with the advantages and disadvantages of locating this new team in Emergency Support Function-6 (Mass Care) or Emergency Support Function-8 (Public Health and Medical Services), it is being recommended that the team support disaster behavioral health, damage assessment and other disaster Emergency Support Function-6 incidents through the statewide VOAD and eventually the regional sub-VOADs. The subcommittee will next meet on November 16, 2015.



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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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