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DHSEM has a new and updated website for the community and our stakeholders to access information on Jan. 5.



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Information and Update

New DHSEM Website

On January 5 a new DHSEM website will be launched. It can still be accessed by using this URL: www.DHSEM.state.co.us. The website will feature new buttons to the most accessed information as well as a blog to share current information related to new products and approaching deadlines.

2017 Colorado Emergency Management Conference: Register Today

Have you registered for the 2017 Colorado Emergency Management Conference? Space is limited and pre-registration is required and can be completed online. The Conference is on February 28 – March 2, 2017 at Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs. Walk up registrations will not be accepted this year. For more information and to register visit the [Conference website](#).

The [CEMA website](#) includes a draft agenda. The conference webpage is frequently updated; please continue to check it for conference information.

Notice of Funding for Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Grant Programs

Every year, FEMA releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs. The FEMA NOFO is published annually in either the second or third Federal fiscal quarter (January – June). The Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) is the designated Applicant for these grant programs and is responsible for soliciting sub-applications from eligible sub-applicants. In this role, DHSEM assists in the preparation, review, and submission of eligible and complete applications to FEMA.

In an effort to encourage increased participation from stakeholders in the State, DHSEM is encouraging early submission of Notice of Interest (NOI) forms. The goal is to allow more time for the State to assist in the application preparation and review process in an effort to help sub-applicants develop complete and competitive applications. These complete applications will be advanced to FEMA when the funding is announced and based on the funding priorities for the Fiscal Year (FY) PDM and FMA. Projects will also be added to a bank of readily identified projects in the event of a Presidentially Declared Disaster with Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding.

To qualify for a PDM, FMA, or HMGP grant, the sub-applicant must have a current FEMA-approved local or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) by the application deadline and be valid at the time of Federal obligation of the grant funds. Applications for a new Mitigation Plan do not have to meet this requirement.

Please [review the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) Unified Guidance and Addendum](#) thoroughly to determine if your project idea is eligible; whether match requirements can be satisfied; and what environmental and historic preservation requirements will be necessary. Federal funding is available for up to 75 percent of the eligible activity costs. The remaining 25 percent of eligible activity costs must be derived from local match sources.

Follow the links below for information on the [Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) Programs](#):

- [Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program](#)
- [Flood Mitigation Assistance Program](#)



Please be aware that there is no funding available at this time and that funding priorities has yet to be determined at the Federal level. In FY 2016, the funding announcement was published in March 2015 and the deadline to submit an application was June 15, 2015. It is anticipated that similar dates will be used to announce the FY 2017 PDM and FMA funding. If you are interested in pursuing grant funding the State is currently soliciting NOI's from eligible sub-applicants.

For additional information, please contact your regionally assigned State Mitigation Specialist. If you do not know who is assigned to your region, please visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/mars/mitigation> for a regional map and project listings.

DHSEM Grant Information and Updates

Monthly updates are posted to the MARS website with the following information:

- [Mitigation and Recovery Website](#)
- [Mitigation and Recovery Program Report for all grant program coordinated by DHSEM](#)
- [Grant Calendar with important deadlines and training events](#)
- [Public Assistance Status Update posted to DHSEM website](#)
- [Potential Contractor List](#)
- [Early Submissions for Future Mitigation Grant Projects Sought by DHSEM](#)

Public Assistance Quarterly Reports Due January 13, 2017

The Quarter One 2017 October - December Quarterly Report for your organization for FEMA DR-4229 is due on January 13, 2017. Reporting for the PA Program is required on each obligated large project on a quarterly basis until FEMA has officially closed the project. Extensions to the deadline will only be considered for Applicants with more than 20 large projects.

If you have any questions or would like assistance in completing your Quarterly Report, please send your inquiries to your Applicant Assistance Representative or to mailto:cdps_dhsem_pa4229@state.co.us.

Resources from Large Project Closeout Web Training

The State previously provided Closeout Web Training from December 7th through December 13th regarding Large Project Closeout for Public Assistance projects. This training covered how to prepare documentation for closeout, what to expect for closeout payments, and how to initiate the closeout process in EMGrants.

The following resources from the Closeout Web Training have been posted to CO.EMGrants.com within the [Resources and State Guidance Section](#) for Public Assistance:

- Public Assistance Closeout Web Training, December 2016
- Q&A from Public Assistance Closeout Web Training
- Example Expense Listing for Closeout
- Zip-File Folder Structure for Closeout

We recommend viewing the PDF files using Internet Explorer or software on your computer (i.e. Adobe Viewer), as some of these documents do not show up correctly when using Google Chrome.

We will also post a recorded video of the presentation to EMGrants by January 2, 2017. If you need any assistance with Large Project Closeout, please contact your State Representative or send us an email at cdps_dhsem_pa4229@state.co.us.



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Noxious Weed Management Grants

The Colorado Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for their 2017 Noxious Weed Management grants. The deadline is January 20, 2017. Please visit their [website](#) for grant details and application information.

Kudos and Job Well Done

- DHSEM welcomes **Deanna Butterbaugh** back to the division. She returns to provide technical assistance to communities with Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants, assist with grant application development and submitting grant closeout packets to FEMA as a Mitigation Specialist. Her email is Deanna.Butterbaugh@state.co.us.
- Fond farewell to **Kerry Kimball** as he embarks on a new adventure with the Colorado Department of Transportation.
- Congratulations to **Esther Son**. She was selected as the DHSEM Grants and Contracts Manager within the Office of Preparedness beginning January 1. She was formerly a CDPS Accounting Manager supporting the division.
- DHSEM appoint **Tim Washington** as Logistics Specialists with the Office of Emergency Management. He can be reached by email at Tim.Washington@state.co.us.
- **Mark Thompson** has joined DHSEM as the new Mitigation Planning Specialist. His primary focus is supporting local hazard mitigation planning. His email is MarkW.Thompson@state.co.us.
- Happy Retirement to the National Weather Service's **Bob Glancy**.
- Job well done by the **DHSEM Mitigation and Recovery Staff**. The links below share information on a DR-4145 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funded project that DHSEM shepherded. The project mitigated serious erosion and also repaired a vital tourism spot to the area. After an aggressive construction schedule and being closed for three months the Manitou Incline at the beginning of December.
 - <http://www.denverpost.com/2016/12/01/colorado-springs-manitou-incline-reopens/>
 - <http://gazette.com/colorado-springs-set-to-host-party-to-celebrate-reopening-of-manitou-incline/article/1590780>



Job and Volunteer Opportunities

- DHSEM: [Project Technician](#) [closes January 6]
- DHSEM: [Project Specialist](#) [closes January 6]
- DFPC: [Building Inspector II](#) [closes January 20]
- DFPC: [Fire Inspector II](#) [closes January 20]
- CSP: [Law Enforcement Records Technician II](#) [closes January 10]
- CSP: [Law Enforcement Records Technician Supervisor Technician IV](#) [closes January 10]
- CDPS: [Accounting Supervisor](#) [closes January 13]
- DCJ: [Training Specialist, Human Trafficking Program](#) [closes January 6]
- City of Colorado Springs: [Office of Emergency Management Coordinator](#) [closes January 8]
- CBI: [CBI Forensic Scientist – Toxicology](#) [closes January 10]

Educational Resources

- Public education and safety materials from the U.S. Fire Administration called "[Put a Freeze on Winter.](#)"



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FEMA's 2017 Reinsurance Program

On January 3, 2017 FEMA announced that it secured reinsurance for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) effective January 1, 2017 through January 1, 2018. Historically, the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA) was limited to using flood insurance premiums, available surplus, borrowing capacity from the U.S. Treasury, and in some cases direct appropriations from Congress to pay claims. Learn more about what this means for your jurisdiction on the [FEMA website](#).

Training and Exercise Information

DHSEM Training Courses

View all DHSEM training courses on the [DHSEM website Training page](#) or click the "training courses" image on the home page to be redirected to the course calendar.

- State Training and Exercise Advisory Committee Kick Off Meeting: January 26, 2017 from 1 – 3 p.m. Contact [Lynn Bailey](#) for meeting information.
- [Colorado Credentialing Project Training](#), January 20 or January 21.
- Colorado Wildland Fire Incident Management Academy: [Legal Issues in Emergency Management](#), January 10

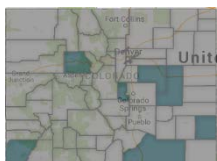


FEMA Courses and Other Opportunities

- FEMA: [Emergency Management Teaching with Cases Webinar Series](#)
- West Metro Fire Training Center: [Commanding the Extended Attack: Holding a Type 4 Wildland Incident](#)
- FEMA: [E214 – Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Project Implementation and Programmatic Closeout](#)
- FEMA: [E0968 – All-Hazards Position Specific Logistics Section Chief Train the Trainer](#)
- FEMA: [V-0015A –Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series: Cyber Focus](#)

Important Reminders

Current Fire Restriction Levels



Do you have changes in your current fire restriction levels? Please send me any new information that you have to Micki Trost at micki.trost@state.co.us and it will be added to the Colorado Fire Restriction map and information page posted at COEmergency.com can be updated. The map and the links were updated in mid-December.

County Emergency Management Contact and Emergency Notification Links

DHSEM Strategic Communications will be completing the quarterly updates of the emergency notification registration links located on [COEmergency](#) and [DHSEM](#) websites. Please help us ensure the information is correct. If you have a change in staff or a new emergency notification web link please email micki.trost@state.co.us with current contact information for inclusion on our [COEmergency webpages](#). Thank you for your assistance in keeping these community resources up to date.



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Share Information in the Next DHSEM Update

Do you have information that would benefit other agencies in Colorado including job or volunteer opportunities? Simply send an email to micki.trost@state.co.us with your information and it will be included in the next Update. The DHSEM Update will be published at the end of each month.

WebEOC Link



I have been asked to include a link to [WebEOC](#) in the DHSEM Update. It will remain on all future newsletters at the end of the document for your use. The link can also be found on the [DHSEM website](#) under the "Quick Links" tab called *State EOC*.

Also, please be aware that a link to WebEOC is posted to the homepage of our DHSEM website.

