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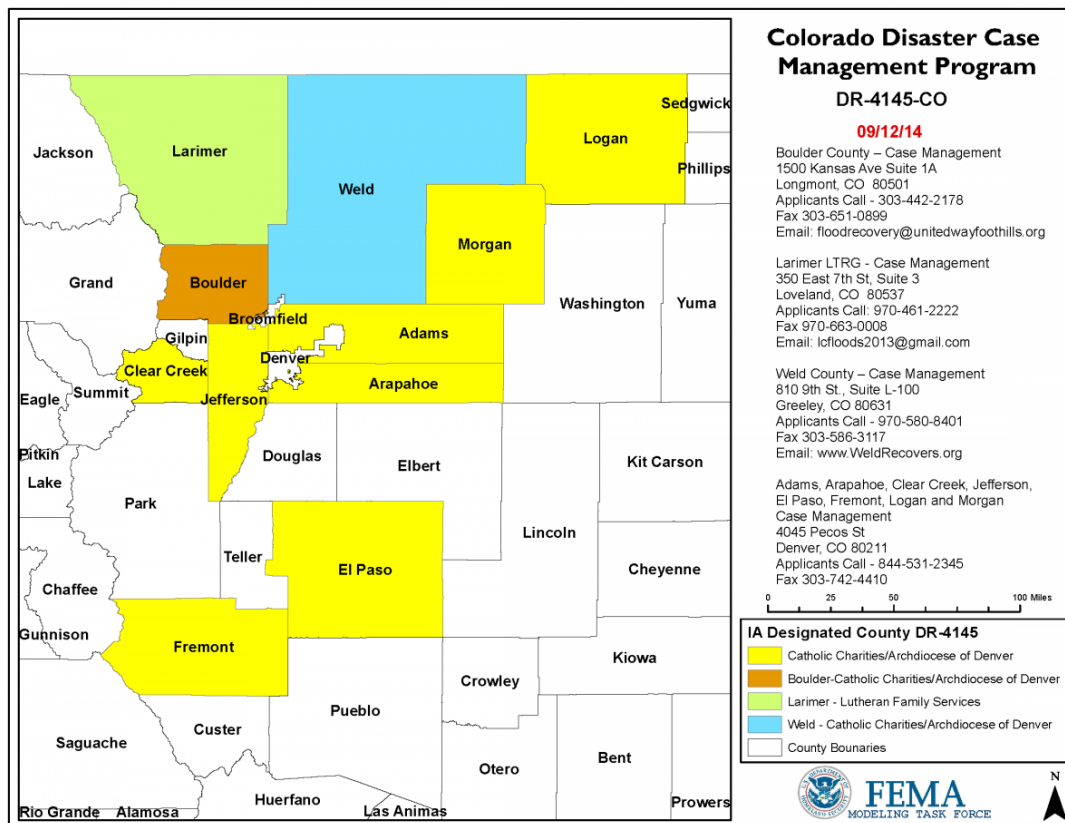
September 16, 2014

DHSEM is coordinating the following mitigation and recovery efforts with government, private-nonprofit organization, and other critical partners.

Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

Program FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)
Lead State Agency Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Program Update

Last week the DHSEM State VAL met with the subgrantees of the FEMA Disaster Case Management (DCM) grant Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Denver and Lutheran Family Services and Habitat for Humanity (HFH) and the Division of Housing to review eligibility aspects of programs and logistics of delivering services. Because there are seven HFH affiliates serving Boulder, Larimer, and Weld Counties, HFH has simplified its initial referral process to a standard form (Eligibility Criteria and Intake Questionnaire) to make referrals easier during the disaster case management process. The map below depicts the service areas and provides DCM contact information. The map is also available on our [website](#).



Behavioral Health

Program FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CPP)
Lead State Agency Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
DHSEM POC Steve Boand, Recovery Manager
Guidance [Program Overview](#)

Program Update

DHSEM continues to work with sub grantee CDPHE on requests for reimbursement under the FEMA CCP grant which will end on December 31, 2014. Plans are underway to transition to existing local behavioral health services. The teams produced informative written items for the Flood Anniversary reaction tip sheets.

Damage Assessment (Loss Verification)

Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Program Update No official loss verification was requested in the past month.

Debris Management

Program Recovery Planning
DHSEM POC Olivia Stinson, Recovery Specialist - Planning
Program Update

The recovery planner is coordinating with several communities and Public Assistance experts in an effort to review and comment on local debris plans as requested.

Donations Management

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

Last week the State VAL effectively coordinated the donation of 700 pounds of nonperishable food and water, donated by Regis University, to a local nonprofit organization in Larimer County, the House of Neighborly Services in Loveland.

Economic and Community Recovery

Program State Disaster Emergency Fund
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Steve Boand, Recovery Manager
Program Update

The team has worked with several grantees this month on scoping projects for eligibility. The State has grantees under both State-declared and Presidentially-declared disasters.

Program Recovery Planning
DHSEM POC Olivia Stinson, Recovery Specialist - Planning
Program Update

The recovery planner and recovery liaisons are working with several communities on developing their recovery planning processes and developing plans. The recovery planner is also working to review and comment on local debris plans as requested.

Environmental Recovery

Program (Proposed) HUD CDBG-DR (CDBG-DR) Watershed Resilience Pilot Program
Lead State Agency Colorado Division of Local Affairs (DOLA) Division of Local Government (DLG), Andy Hill
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Guidance <http://dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr/content/action-plans>

Program Update

The pilot program proposal was drafted and included in the Action Plan Substantial Amendment submitted to HUD September 5, 2012. It was recommended \$25 million be set aside to address watershed issues. The two components include Watershed Capacity Building and Planning and Watershed Project Implementation. The CDBG-DR Infrastructure and Watershed Resilience Program leads will closely coordinate efforts to ensure projects from both programs do not conflict with one another.

Hazard Mitigation

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

- HMGP is open for five disasters: DRs 1762, 4067, 4133, 4134, and 4145.
- DHSEM originally received and reviewed 164 project Notices of Intent from 73 entities for the four latest disasters.
- After reviews, eligibility determinations, and cost-effectiveness analyses, 95 applications were received on or by the due date of August 29, 2014.
- **Applications will be scored by a multi-agency team of subject matter experts the end of September. Applicants will be notified in October if their application is/isn't moving forward in the FEMA process.**
- During this time the DHSEM will be conducting an informal Request For Information (RFI) process to collect missing or unclear information for applications before submitting those moving forward to FEMA.
- As part of the DHSEM strategy, applications submitted to FEMA will be over-prescribed in the event that a project does not receive FEMA approval or withdraws from the process. This will ensure all environmental and historic preservation clearances are obtained with enough time for FEMA review allowing the next the application to move forward in a streamlined manner.
- Please be aware that invitation to submit final applications to FEMA does not guarantee final project award.
- **Tip of the week:** Monitor your email for official communication from the DHSEM. Once the review process is complete you will be notified as to the final status of your application and provided further instructions.

Program FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin, Mitigation Specialist

Program Update

- The Denver Department of Parks and Recreation was awarded \$250,000 under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) 2013 for wildfire mitigation on August 29, 2014.
- The City of Longmont was awarded \$3,000,000 under PDM 2012 for flood mitigation on the Saint Vrain River on September 9, 2014.

Program USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Olivia Stinson, Recovery Specialist - Planning
Guidance <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/>
Program Update

DHSEM is currently working with subgrantees on submitting any final requested scope of work or contract changes and processing requests for reimbursement. As of August 31, 2014, the following apply:

- Twelve sub grantees were awarded \$14 million in funding
- Six sub grantees have submitted 11 requests for reimbursement for \$3 million.
- Two subgrantees submitted final requests for reimbursement and were paid out. DHSEM staff is working with them on project and grant closeout.
- Three requests for reimbursement submitted in August are in process.
- One sub grantee withdrew from the program.

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

Program Update

DHSEM continues to make local hazard mitigation plans a high priority through providing both technical and financial assistance. This month the mitigation planner has worked with eligible applicants to develop applications requesting assistance through HMGP.

Historic and Cultural Resources

Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin

Program Update

A multi-agency programmatic agreement is currently under revision to include new provisions. FEMA is the lead federal agency.

Housing

Lead State Agency DOLA Division of Housing
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison

Program Update

On September 4, 2014, the State proposed the following allocations to HUD for using Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds:

- Household Assistance Programs proposed total allocation - \$36 million
- Home Access Program - \$6 million
- Housing Construction Programs - \$46 million
- For more information on the most recent Action Plan Substantial Amendment submitted to HUD, refer to <http://dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr/content/action-plans>

Infrastructure

Program FHWA Emergency Relief (ER)
Lead State Agency Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Program Update

State Disaster Emergency Funds from DHSEM were passed to CDOT through an Intergovernmental Agreement. CDOT will coordinate with local agencies to apply the funds as match to Emergency Relief funds.

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

- Seventeen Request for Reimbursements were submitted in the last week. Five requests for reimbursements were reviewed and recommended for payments. The total amount of RFRs is now at **360**. The total amount requested is \$59.7 million and **\$52.7 million** is considered **eligible**. The amount of completed reviews this week was less than usual because the review team participated in a three day training with new staff.
- **\$6.9 million** was paid in the last week in small projects, advances, and large project reimbursements. The total paid on federal and state share is now at \$21.1 million for large projects and \$9.6 million for small projects.
- The State received 30 requests for time extensions, responded to seven and forwarded 23 to FEMA for approval before the September 14, 2014 deadline.
- Six appeals for Public Assistance have been forwarded to FEMA. Five more appeals are being processed by the State and will be submitted within the next 60 days on behalf of the applicants.
- DHSEM received 11 requests for scope changes on PA projects in the last week bringing the total to 94 requests. Eight are being forwarded to FEMA for consideration.
- **Announcements:** The State will be providing a Standard Operation Procedure for PA this week, also known as a *Service Plan*. We look forward to using this SOP to clarify the State's role and how we can assist our local partners.
- **Upcoming deadlines:** The next Public Assistance conference call will be 9 a.m. on September 26, 2014. The call in number is 1-877-820-7831, the access code is 522939#.
- DHSEM continues to coordinate with Great Outdoors Colorado to ensure no duplication of benefits occurs between grant funding sources for projects funded with FEMA funds.
- **Tip of the week:** Remember to keep your grants in separate non-interest bearing accounts. It helps with accounting and is required by some grants (including PA).

Program HUD CDBG-DR Infrastructure (CDBG-DR)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Jill Hart, 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

- **Fifty-eight** entities requested funding for **214 projects** in Round One. **Fifty-three** projects were selected to move forward in the process. Applications were submitted on or by August 29, 2014. Applicants are being notified of next steps.
- DOLA has hired a contractor to assist communities with meeting NEPA requirements.
- The Action Plan Substantial Amendment was submitted to HUD by September 5, 2014 for approval. Approximately \$65 million was requested for Infrastructure projects in Round Two, bringing the total to approximately \$85 million.

Public Health

Lead State Agency CDPHE
DHSEM POC Johan Barrios, Recovery Specialist

Program Updates

DHSEM continues to coordinate with CDPHE on grants to ensure no duplication of benefits occurs between funding sources for water and wastewater projects.

Volunteer Coordination

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

Saturday, September 13th was designated Colorado United Day, a statewide day of service, where all Coloradans were encouraged to volunteer. DHSEM staff participated in pre-event coordination.

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