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Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

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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

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

Updates: The following are recent events in our efforts to meet the recovery needs of individuals, households, and small business:

- Disaster Case Management (DCM) has produced a standardized statewide Form Set (August 2014) for the floods. The set is twelve forms and a checklist (some are multipage forms).
- Weekly conference call was held with Case Manager Supervisors across the state for the DCM grant.
- Bimonthly grant monitoring conference call held with FEMA.
- DCM Map revised with new addresses for Larimer and Boulder
- The Case Manager Supervisor weekly meeting is held each Monday at 1 p.m.
- Case management data is being developed to portray the status of unmet needs in disaster impacted communities. A data management program is being developed to provide a mechanism for understanding the individual and household recovery needs. FEMA recently provided the State with DCM service mapping.



From left: Jody Horn, Recovery Liaison; Mickey Caison, National Recovery Coordinator, North American Mission Board; Robyn Knappe, State

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 Recovery and Finance completed a review of CDPHE project reimbursement requests this week. A meeting has been scheduled with CDPHE staff next week to resolve financial questions so the project can move toward closeout.

Consumer Protection

Lead State Agency Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Update No DHSEM activities to report this week.

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 week.

Debris Management

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

Chuck Vale and Steve Denney are coordinating these plans. Debris plans are under review from Denver, Loveland, Brighton, and El Paso counties. Stinson will be speaking with the Regional Managers about this on September 24th or 25th when they are in Centennial.

Donations Management

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

Jen Poitras, Colorado Donations and Volunteer Coordination Team, gave a brief Colorado flood synopsis on a National Webinar about the new national donations policy. This webinar was aimed at getting agencies on board who were previously excluded to further enhance the cost share possibilities for Public Assistance and other grants. One hundred fifty people attended. A Fact Sheet is under development. We hope to have a session on this subject at the 2015 Colorado Emergency Management Conference and are anxious to attend meetings across the state to discuss this important subject. Please call Robyn Knappe to schedule presentations.

Economic and Community Recovery

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

Several Disaster Emergency Fund (DEF) grant recipients are considering submitting a request for an extension of Executive Orders and grant agreements for the completion of their projects. DHSEM will provide a full report on this issue in next week's report.

The Recovery Liaison and Planning Team provided direct assistance on a wide variety of disaster recovery planning, grant and financial issues to the following counties and towns during this reporting period:

- Colorado Springs El Paso County Estes Park
- Evans Fountain Glen Haven
- Jamestown Larimer County Lyons
- Manitou Springs Milliken

Significant issues and events included:

- El Paso County and the affected municipalities of the Upper Fountain Creek/Cheyenne Creek Watershed District have agreed to the use of geospatial visualization tools to identify sedimentation issues in support of a future collaborative grant proposal for watershed restoration projects.
- Numerous meetings were held with communities and counties to discuss future grant applications under CDBG-DR, HMGP, and DEF.

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

Program Update

Olivia Stinson and Steve Boand attended a meeting on Monday with planners from across the State including DOLA, CDOT, FEMA, EPA, FHWA, and others to understand what planning initiatives are ongoing. Stinson will meet with Trish Gavelda (Local Mitigation Planning Program Manager) next week to discuss integrating the HMGP plans with existing plans from our office. Stinson plans to attend a training for local governments on the CDBG-DR planning grants on next week to gain understand as to how the non-infrastructure portions of is being delivered.

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
No DHSEM activities to report this week.

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

The following summarizes the status of the **95** applications currently under HMGP consideration:

- The Mitigation Section has assembled a team of subject matter experts from agencies throughout the state. The first round of reviews will begin during the week of September 22nd, with the remaining reviews in the subsequent weeks.
- The HMGP applications being reviewed are for property acquisitions, elevations, minor flood control projects, generators and hookups, wildfire mitigation, hazard mitigation plans, and 5% projects (which generally do not fit into the prior categories). We anticipate the reviews to be completed by mid to late October and applicants will be notified as to the final status of their application via email.

- The majority of wildfire projects that applied for HMGP and Division of Natural Resources (DNR) grants have received partial or complete DNR funding with combined awards at approximately \$1.6 million. The sub grantees that have been identified for funding are being contacted by the DHSEM and the DNR.
- **Tip of the Week: Have you reviewed the HMGP Unified Guidance & Addendum recently? We encourage all communities to become familiar with the procurement and quarterly reporting sections in preparation for funding and all future HMGP applications.**

Program FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)

Lead State Agency DHSEM

DHSEM POC Scott Baldwin, Mitigation Specialist

Program Update

DHSEM is currently administering **16** approved PDM grants (\$22.05 million in federal funds) for state and local agencies. DHSEM is also administering **5** Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grants which represent over \$6.08 million in federal obligations. PDM activities during this reporting period include:

- Longmont and DHSEM personnel held a kick-off meeting for the recently awarded \$3 million flood mitigation project on the St. Vrain River (two new/improved bridges) on September 17, 2014.
- DHSEM was notified that two PDM 2014 grants had been selected for further review by FEMA. The grants and grant amount currently under consideration are:
 - City of Durango Crestview Ditch flood mitigation - \$946,524
 - Colorado State Forest Service/Canon City Wildfire Fuels Mitigation - \$250,000

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

Current sub grantees are El Paso County, Larimer County, Boulder County, Morgan County, Jefferson Conservation District, Jamestown, Evans, Lyons, Estes Park and Colorado Springs. Sub grants are for a total of \$14.1 million. As of September 22, 2014, \$2.8 million has been approved for payment. Four sub grantees have submitted no reimbursement requests to date.

The mitigation planner is performing ongoing State reviews (currently 8 + 1 Regional plan [8 counties]) of new/updated local HMPs prior to FEMA submission, and expediting receipt of local HMP adoptions for final FEMA 5-year HMP approval.

NRCS project tracking continues (see below) as the October completion date for all projects approaches. The Team is currently tracking grant completion and is working closely with both finance and grantees to get the RFRs submitted.

Grantee	Total Grant	Date Submitted	Total Amount of RFR	Date DHSEM approved Payment	Amount Paid Grantee - 87.5% of RFR
El Paso County	\$1,591,937.50	8/11/2014	\$445,964.83	9/15/2014	\$402,253.10
Larimer	\$3,050,000.00	8/8/2014	\$1,349,863.26	9/17/2014	\$1,187,113.73
Jamestown	\$1,159,220.00	4/29/2014	\$143,459.00	4/30/2014	\$125,526.63
Jamestown		5/8/2014	\$195,486.25	5/22/2014	\$195,486.25
Jamestown		5/20/2014	\$61,125.48	6/2/2014	\$61,125.48
Jamestown		6/19/2014	\$143,180.67	6/24/2014	\$143,180.67
Jamestown		8/15/2014	\$210,319.66	8/29/2014	\$210,319.66
Jefferson Cons.	\$388,000.00	7/9/2014	\$152,641.56	8/28/2014	\$133,561.37
Evans	\$59,000.00	7/13/2014	\$42,067.28	7/31/2014	\$36,808.87
Boulder County	\$4,477,263.12	Pending			\$0.00
Lyons	\$668,000.00	Pending			\$0.00
Estes	\$1,216,254.00	6/20/2014	\$220,055.64	6/23/2014	\$192,548.69
Estes		7/9/2014	\$142,842.17	6/30/2014	\$124,986.90
Estes		9/2/2014	\$395,511.04	in process	\$0.00
Morgan County	\$133,000.00	Pending			\$0.00
Colorado Springs	\$1,394,196.00	Pending			\$0.00
	\$14,136,870.62	TOTALS	\$3,502,516.84		\$2,812,911.33

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

Update DHSEM continues to make local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) a high priority by providing both technical and financial assistance. The DHSEM Mitigation Planner has assisted eligible HMP applicants with HMGP application development and continues to refine development of a State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP) HMGP application.

The mitigation planner is performing ongoing State reviews (currently 8 + 1 Regional plan [8 counties]) of new/updated local HMPs prior to FEMA submission, and expediting receipt of local HMP adoptions for final FEMA 5-year HMP approval.

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

No DHSEM activities to report this week.

Infrastructure

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

Program Update

No DHSEM activities to report this week.

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

- **27** Request for Reimbursements were submitted in the last week. **36** requests for reimbursements were reviewed and recommended for payments. The total amount of RFRs is now at 396. \$66.1million is the total amount requested and **\$58.2 million** is considered initially eligible. Three new reviewers have been added to the team, and we continue to see progress.
- There is no update on payments for the week in EMGPro, but payments have been made in our accounting system. Payments in EMGPro will be updated later this week for last week and this week. The total paid on federal and state share is at \$21.1million for large projects and \$9.6 million for small projects.
- **6** requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week bringing the total to **101** requests for scope change. **18** were submitted to FEMA for review. 8 were completed in the last week.
- **Announcements:** The State "Service Plan" is in draft format and going through our internal review. We look forward to releasing a copy later this week. The SOP will help clarify the State's role and how we can assist our local partners.
- **Upcoming deadlines:** Next Public Assistance call is scheduled for September 26. We will be discussing scope changes and updates on requests for reimbursements.
- **Tip of the week: Please submit all scope changes via EMGPro, and don't forget to include your supporting documentation (damage descriptions, scope of work, costs, etc)**

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

- **58** entities requested funding for **214 projects** in Round 1. Full applications were received for 54 projects, totaling approximately \$18.8 million. Applications are being reviewed, and applicants will be notified of next steps.
- DOLA has hired a contractor, Aegis, to assist communities with meeting NEPA requirements.

Public Health

Lead State Agency CDPHE
DHSEM POC Johan Barrios, Recovery Specialist

Program Updates

No DHSEM activities to report this week.

Volunteer Coordination

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

Program Update

The Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief (coalitions of churches) came to Colorado a year ago to scope out the size of the floods. In the last 12 months, we have seen the Baptists from the states of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Kentucky, Georgia, Virginia and Alabama, to name a few, who came here to help. On September 18 they held an "End of Project" celebration at the Baptist Estes Park Church. Awards were given, speeches were made and testimonials were given from Estes Valley about how much the Baptists have given to Colorado. Now the transition will be to the Colorado Baptist General Convention, under the leadership of Dennis Belz and Dr. Mark Edlund.

There were a total of:

- 45 teams
- 449 volunteers
- 29,533 volunteer hours
- 23 states
- 180 jobs completed

The State of Colorado VAL works to integrate volunteer faith based organizations that have a disaster mission into local communities. The Colorado Baptists General Convention is a member of the Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (COVOAD) and the Southern Baptists Convention (SBC) are a part of the National VOAD.

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