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## Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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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.*



**Ricks Center Students Visit State EOC**

“Our class went to the EOC to learn about who responds to natural disasters in our state. We are third and fourth graders who attend the Ricks Center for Gifted Children at the University of Denver. We are studying natural disasters this fall and have learned about wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, avalanches, and earthquakes. We visited the EOC because we wanted to learn more about who helps out when a disaster strikes in Colorado. Knowledge is power, and you definitely need power to respond to a natural disaster. We were met by Robin Knappe who was the best guide ever. She took us on a tour through the media center, the conference room where the governor sits, and into the command center. She very patiently answered all of our many questions. It was impressive to learn about the number of organizations and agencies that work together to help when there is a disaster. There’s even a plan for pets. Communication, cooperation, and coordination are key if this team is to be successful. This tour certainly gave us an inside view of the work that has to be done when a disaster happens.” ~ -Claire Mann, age 9



Catholic Charities Hosts Case Management Training

## 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**

- Disaster Case Management Quarterly Report Summary as of September 30<sup>th</sup> (most recent report):
  - 1,948 DCM cases total
  - 1,527 DCM cases currently open
  - 421 DCM cases closed
  - Figures based on eleven declared Individual Assistance eligible counties
- On November 18, DHSEM presented the first statewide training for disaster case managers/supervisors featuring speakers from DHSEM, Colorado Water Conservation Board, GreenPath, Inc (consumer credit counseling), HUD/FHA Denver Ownership Center, CDBG-DR, Division of Housing and a three-hour Resiliency workshop focusing on case manager self-care. The day was well attended at Catholic Charities, Denver Archdiocese with sixty-one total participants. The day was highlighted by a spirit of collaboration and cooperation including representatives from all 4 Disaster Case Management centers. Another training day was requested for 2015.

## Behavioral Health

**Program** FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP)  
**Lead State Agency** Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)  
**DHSEM POC** Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)  
**Guidance** [Program Overview](#)

### Program Update

- The Emotional Spiritual Care (ESC) Subcommittee of Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD) is developing training qualifications to reach a level of credentialing. This guidance will be statewide and the committee is looking at the possibility of organizing strike teams of credentialed spiritual care providers. This effort is following the excellent National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) points of consensus in the development of this qualifications and credentials. The initial training discussions and direction is that the following courses will be required: Incident Command System (ICS) training, spiritual care training and a Colorado orientation.
- Crisis counseling grant for the September 2013 floods will end on December 31, 2014.

## Economic and Community Recovery

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

### Program Update

- FEMA has reportedly accepted new high flow numbers for the St. Vrain Creek following a meeting with representatives from State, and the Town of Lyons. Acceptance of these new numbers supports the need to reconstruct two major bridges based on post-flood hydraulic/hydrology studies.

## Hazard Mitigation

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

### Program Update

- DHSEM staff met with FEMA and Colorado State Forest Service staff to review environmental and cultural requirements related to a wildfire mitigation project in Fremont County that is being considered for funding under PDM 2014.
- **Tip of the Week:** Are you informed? To receive the latest Mitigation information and news visit [coemergency.com](http://coemergency.com).



FEMA, CSFS and DHSEM Mitigation staff review proposed wildfire mitigation project in Fremont County

**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

- Ten requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted in the last week. Sixteen RFRs have been recommended for payment in the last week.

- The total amount of RFRs is now at five hundred eighty (580), of which two hundred forty-five (245) are complete and one hundred twenty-three (123) were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information.
- The total amount requested is \$87.3M, \$76.9M is considered initially eligible, \$30.2 has been recommended for payment.
- Nine requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week. Ten requests were completed in the last week. The total amount of scope change requests is now one hundred fifty-five (155), of which ninety-five are completed and thirty-three were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information.
- There have been forty-six payments made in the last week for a total of \$3.3M, including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:** The monthly PA Applicant's Assistance teleconference was held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The next PA call is to be determined. We are considering starting the calls back in the New Year unless applicants want to cover specific topics. Notices for the PA Advisory Committee meeting will go out later this week.
- **Important Dates:** Time extensions for permanent work projects are due February 14, 2015.

**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**

- Gov. John Hickenlooper announced on November 12, 2014 that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved Colorado's Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) *Substantial Amendment to the Action Plan* which outlines how Colorado will distribute \$199.3 million in grant dollars received from HUD for flood and fire recovery programs.
- Jamestown received two CDBG-DR Round One awards totaling \$627,897 during the past week. The following table summarizes program activity to date.

Infrastructure (\$19.4M)	Count		Dollar Amount	
	This Week	Cumulative	This Week	Cumulative
Projects accepted through NOI	0	53	\$0	\$17,781,861
Applications Received	0	54	\$0	\$17,423,686
Award Letters	2	50	\$627,897	\$13,154,004

**Volunteer Coordination**

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

**Program Update**

- On November 17, the quarterly Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD) meeting took place in Fort Collins, in conjunction with the formulating Larimer VOAD. Most of the meeting featured a discussion and review of the "Crisis Clean Up" tool demonstrated by Aaron Titus from Vision Link of Boulder. A new state representative joined from Team Rubicon. The current COVOAD membership list was also distributed. Elections will be held for COVOAD officers in March 2015.

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**Happy Thanksgiving from the entire Mitigation & Recovery staff!**