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Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

December 9, 2014

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



MARS staff recognized by DHSEM Director: (L-R) Jody Horn, Sean Settle, Steve Boand, Robyn Knappe, Kerry Webster, Don Moore, Olivia Stinson, Patricia Gavelda, Johan Barrios, Marilyn Gally, and Division Director Kevin Klein. Emergency Management Director Dave Hard and Dana Reynolds are facing away from the camera. Not shown are Susan Abbott, Scott Baldwin, Deanna Butterbaugh, Jill Hart, Jim Raymond, Rosalyn Middleton, and Greg Moser.

Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

Program FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCM)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Program Update

- A Case Management/Individual Assistance Resource Specialist has been hired by Catholic Charities. This person will develop additional resources for the eleven counties that are eligible for Individual Assistance (IA) under DR-4145 flood disasters as they begin their transition back to the local resources in 2015. We are exploring outreach strategies to make sure flood survivors are aware of case management services.

Donations Management

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

Program Update

- The search for a donations management tool for the HelpColoradoNow.com website is continuing. This website is a partnership between DHSEM and the Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD).

Economic and Community Recovery

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

- Boulder was awarded \$1,856,567.
- Eight RFP proposals were distributed to the review team on November 24th. Initial scoring will take place on December 9th.
- The following table summarizes this program to date:

Infrastructure (19.4M)	Count			Dollar Amount		
	This Week	Previous	Cumulative	This Week	Previous	Cumulative
Projects accepted through NOI	0	53	53	0	\$17,781,861	\$17,781,861
Applications Received	0	54	54	0	\$17,423,686	\$17,423,686
Award Letters	1	50	51	\$1,856,567	\$13,154,004	\$15,010,571

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.

- The MARS team is on track to have 100% of HMGP applications submitted to FEMA before the end of the year. FEMA will review the applications within forty-five days of our final submission. FEMA RFIs will be communicated to the applicant via DHSEM email.
- The Mitigation team would like to thank everyone for the continued patience and vigilance in response to the State RFI process. As we approach the holiday season, we want to remind HGMP applicants to keep the lines of communication open to prevent any extended delays before the December 31st, 2014 HMGP deadline.
- MARS staff recently met with experts to refine work processes and documents to improve efficiency in the HMGP Property Acquisition program.
- Tip of the Week:** Are you informed? To receive the latest Mitigation and Recovery information and news visit www.coemergency.com

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

- Thirteen of the thirty-seven requests for reimbursements (RFRs) submitted in the last two weeks have been recommended for payment.
- The total number of RFRs is now at 628, of which 258 are complete and 121 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information.
- The total amount requested is \$93.9 million, and \$82.2 million is considered initially eligible. Requests totaling \$30.9 million has been recommended for payment and \$14.8 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information.
- A total of 249 RFRs for \$36.5 million continue to be under review.
- Two of five requests for scope changes submitted in the last two weeks have been completed. The total number of scope change requests is now 156, of which 97 are completed and 27 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. Thirty-two scope changes are currently under review.
- There have been 57 payments made in the last two weeks for a total of \$3.0 million, including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**
 1. The next PA call will be the last week of January. There will be no call this month due to the holidays.
 2. As discussed on the last call, the State will be releasing information on Force Account Labor (FAL) costs and cost reasonableness. This is still in progress.
 3. The agenda for PA Advisory Committee will go out this week before the meeting.
 4. The State is still working on hiring project specialists and finance specialists. All interviews have been conducted and State staff is moving applicants forward in the background check process.
- **Important Dates:** Time extensions for permanent work projects are due February 14, 2015.

Volunteer Coordination

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

Program Update

- Planning continues on volunteer management and a newsletter tool for help the HelpColoradoNow.com website. This website is a partnership between DHSEM and the Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD).

MARS Team News

- The MARS and Finance teams received the DHSEM Director's Award for Excellence at the Annual CDPS Division-Wide Meeting. These awards expressed the Director's appreciation of the leadership, creative problem solving, teamwork and camaraderie demonstrated in the recovery efforts of recent disasters. MARS and Finance staff members also received individual Certificates of Appreciation from Director Klein.
- The DHSEM and MARS leadership has interviewed the top pool of nationwide candidates for the vacant Deputy State Hazard Mitigation Officer position. We are also recruiting a Program Assistant.

- Please join us in welcoming Ms. Justine Willman to the MARS team. Justine will be working on the Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Program providing grant assistance to Colorado communities recovering from fires and floods. Justine came to us after serving as an Asset Manager for the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for more than five years. Welcome to the team Justine!



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