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

Program Update

- Case Management is supporting FEMA clients statewide who are receiving recoupment letters from the federal government. All FEMA registrants who received Notice of Debt (NOD) letters are highly encouraged to call the FEMA hotline to request more information about appeals or make payment arrangements. Case managers statewide stand ready to assist clients with making phone calls to the FEMA center or writing appeal letters. There are stiff penalties in interest and potential garnishment of taxes, so please encourage anyone who has a letter to contact the FEMA call center. The FEMA National Recoupment Helpline is 1-800-816-1122 and the web site is <https://www.fema.gov/faq-details/Appealing-Recoupment-decision-1370032123041> Clients have reported that the Helpline has been helpful and cooperative.
- Planning is underway for January training sessions to be hosted by DCM.
- The Larimer Long Term Recovery Team will be hosted an open house on December 16 in Loveland.

Donations Management

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

Program Update

- We continue to explore the options to replace Aid Matrix with a similar tool to manage public and business sector donations. To date, we have been exploring four major vendors.



Program Update FEMA Region VIII reviewing HMGP projects with MARS Staff. (L-R) Barry Macciocca, Marilyn Gally, Sean Settle, and Kerry Webster

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. Over sixty HMGP projects have been officially entered into the FEMA grants management system (NEMIS) and an additional seventeen fiscally constrained projects are being reviewed should funding become available.
- The MARS team has had several meetings with subject matter experts from FEMA to discuss technical and programmatic aspects of HMGP acquisition and elevation projects. Several members of the MARS team will be attending training at FEMA Region VIII during the week of December 16th.
- Stay in contact! As we approach the holiday season, we want to remind HGMP applicants keep the lines of communication open. If you are the primary point of contact, please notify your AMEC coordinator of your secondary contact in you are absent and have outstanding information to provide.
- **Tip of the Week:** Are you informed? To receive the latest Mitigation information and news visit coemergency.com.



Denver Mountain Parks wildfire mitigation project kick-off meeting. (L-R) Scott Baldwin, Sean Settle, Andy Perri, Brian Seiber, Kerry Webster and Lina Ha-Stone.

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

- Program Update**
- MARS is currently administering nineteen pre-disaster grant projects worth \$21.3 million.
 - On December 11th, the Mitigation staff met with the City of Denver Mountain Parks staff for a grant kick-off meeting for a \$250,000 wildfire mitigation project.

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

- Program Update**
- The Teller County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update received FEMA Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status on December 11th.
 - The NE Colorado Regional HMP Update (nine counties) was submitted to FEMA for review on December 10th.
 - Four more jurisdictional participants (12 of 17) have adopted the Summit County HMP.
 - Four more Prowers County jurisdictions have adopted the SE Colorado Region HMP (17 of 19 participants).
 - Ouray and Grand County are currently under APA status and seeking local adoptions.
 - Three HMP Updates are currently under State review (Park, Hinsdale, Arapahoe).
 - Five additional HMP Updates should be submitted for State review within the next two – three months.
 - Three local Requests for Reimbursement (RFRs) for HMP Updates are in process.



MARS and Deloitte hold Public Assistance Close-Out Workshop: (L-R) Linus Akanoh, Gaurav Menon, Marilyn Gally, Rosalyn Middleton, Johan Barrios, Steve Board, Robert Reid, and Chris Macies (not pictured: Kajal Patel, and Greg Moser)

Infrastructure

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

- In the last week, twenty-one requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and forty-two RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 642, of which 300 are complete and 135 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 207 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$95.6 million, and \$83.5 million is considered initially eligible. \$34.6 million has been recommended for payment and \$17.2 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information.
- Three requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and no requests were completed. The total amount of scope change requests is now one hundred fifty-nine (159) of which ninety-nine (99) are completed and thirty-one (31) were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining twenty-nine (29) are in progress.
- There have been forty-five (45) payments made in the last week for a total of \$1.7 million, including federal and state share.
- The MARS and Deloitte staffs held a half-day workshop to develop close-out priorities and processes for the current 1205 Public Assistance projects. These projects are worth approximately \$418.8 million and close-outs will begin in early 2015.
- **Announcements:**
 - Next PA call will be the last week of January. There will be no call this month due to the holidays.
 - As discussed on the last call, the State will be releasing information on FAL costs and cost reasonableness. This is still in progress.
 - The first PA Advisory Committee was held last week. We will be sending out an email with the meeting minutes and action items for next meeting. In addition, we will be asking for feedback from all applicants on scope changes for the next meeting.
 - The State is still working on hiring project specialists and finance specialists. All interviews have been conducted, and State staff are 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

- The volunteer and donations management functions of the HelpColoradoNow.org website are being updated. As of December 12, the site will support the collection of volunteer email addresses and the publication of a newsletter to advertise volunteer opportunities. Improvements in site functions for donations management are still under development. Thanks to Kristy Judd, Executive Director for Metro Volunteers, Poitras Consulting and Matthew Cedar, FEMA Region VIII Voluntary Liaison for assisting with this project.
- A meeting of all DR 4145 Floods Long Term Recovery Group Managers (Boulder, Weld and Larimer) was hosted in Lyons, on December 12th. The thrust of the meeting was on planning of volunteer labor and the intersection of the volunteer and construction committees for spring rebuilding. One National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) group will likely be working in all three counties in 2015. The presence of volunteer labor can defray the costs of repair and rebuild by up to 50%. More on that next week.

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