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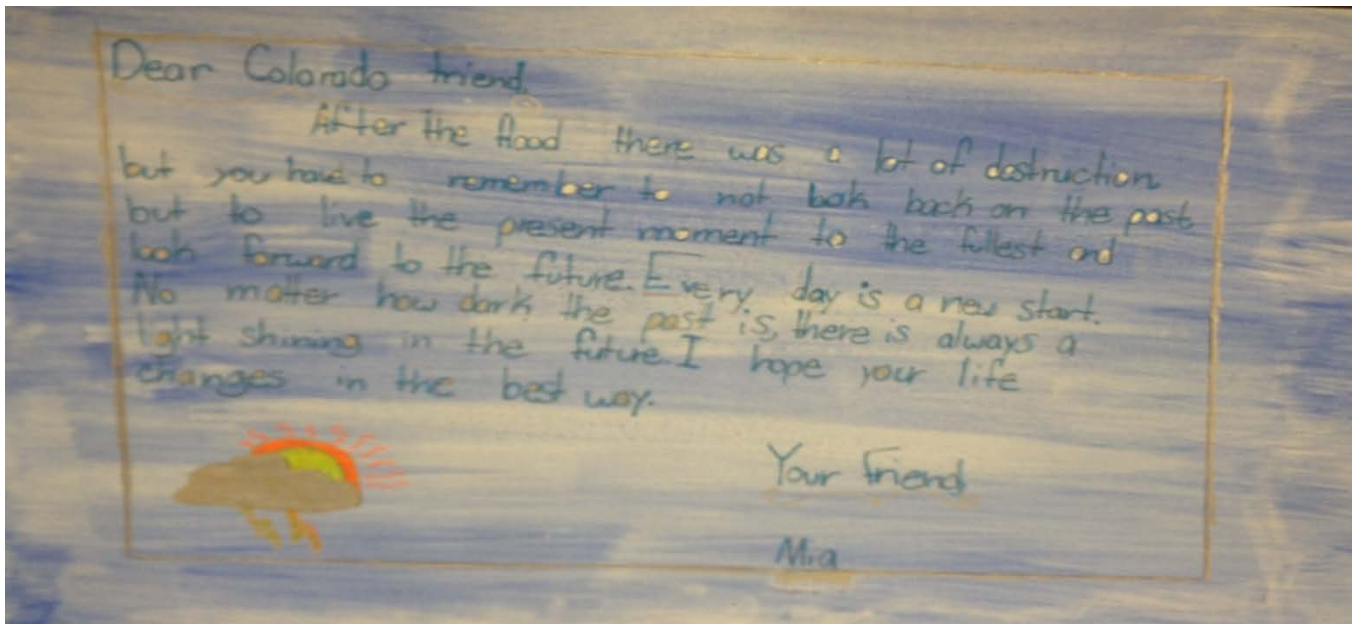
## Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

### Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

January 6, 2015

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



*A photo of a letter to a flood survivor: "Dear Colorado friend, After the flood there was a lot of destruction, but you have to remember to not look back on the past but to look forward to the future. Every day is a new start. No matter how dark the past is, there is always a light shining in the future. I hope your life changes in the best way. Your Friend, Mia"*

## Donations Management

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

### Program Update

- Research continues into finding a replacement for the National Donations Management Network (NDMN) Donations tool. A subcommittee has begun drafting the system requirements.

## 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 Mitigation team has submitted eight-nine (89) HMGP applications to FEMA. These applications will be reviewed in their entirety within forty-five (45) days and a FEMA Request for Information (RFI) will be communicated to the sub-applicant via DHSEM email.
- Sub-applicant responses to FEMA RFIs within thirty days are mandatory. Failure to respond to a FEMA RFI within the required deadline can jeopardize project funding and/or result in final project denial.
- **Coming Soon:** The Mitigation team plans to begin regular HMGP coordination calls to discuss project guidelines and answer questions in a community forum. Dates and specifics are still being determined, but we hope to start the calls again very soon. In the meantime, please continue to coordinate with your project leads or email the Mitigation and Recovery staff directly.
- **Tip of the Week:** Are you informed? To receive the latest Mitigation information and news visit [coemergency.com](http://coemergency.com).

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

- Completed State review of Park County HMP - returned to contractor for minor revisions on December 29, 2014.
- Completed State review of Hinsdale County HMP - sent to FEMA for review on January 3, 2015.
- Arapahoe County HMP currently under State review.
- Received one additional HMP adoption from Summit County (13 of 17 received as of January 6, 2015).
- Three HMPs remain in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (Summit, Grand and Teller).
- Six HMPs currently in local planning process and will be submitted for State review soon.

## 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 three weeks, fifty (50) requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and twenty-one (21) RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 697, of which 320 are complete and 144 were returned to the Subgrantees for additional information. The remaining 233 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$103.7 million, and \$90.9 million is considered initially eligible. Thirty-six million (\$36.1M) has been recommended for payment and \$19.6 million has been returned to Subgrantees for additional information.
- Twenty-five requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and twenty requests were either completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 187 of which 119 are completed or deferred to closeout, and twenty-nine (29) were returned to the Subgrantees for additional information. The remaining thirty-nine (39) are in progress.
- There have been ninety-five (95) payments made in the last week for a total of \$4.6 million, including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**

- Next PA call will be January 30, 2015 at 9 a.m. Call in information and presentation will be sent out before the call.
- As discussed on the last call, the State will be releasing information on force account labor (FAL) costs and cost reasonableness. The release of this information was delayed due to programmatic changes being discussed with FEMA. We hope this issue this in the coming weeks.
- The hiring of project specialists and finance specialists is in progress. All interviews have been conducted, and State staff is moving applicants forward in the background check process.
- **Important Dates:** Quarterly Reports are due January 15, 2015. Time extensions for permanent work projects are due February 14, 2015.

**Program** HUD CDBG-DR Infrastructure (CDBG-DR)  
**Lead State Agency** DHSEM  
**DHSEM POC** Justine Willman, 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**

- CDBG-DR Infrastructure Guidelines and Notice of Intent (NOIs) / Application were completed last week and posted on the DOLA CDBG-DR website. Round 2 NOI's are due by 5 p.m. on February 13, 2015 and Applications will be due by 5 p.m. on May 29, 2015. See [www.dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr](http://www.dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr) for a link to the online Notice of Intent / Application and supporting documents.
- The following table summarizes the grant award status of the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program:

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	\$17,551,905
Award Letters	0	50	0	\$15,416,218

- Ongoing CDBG-DR activities include:
  - Working on acquisition contract for Jamestown.
  - Working on Fish Creek Utilities contract for the Town of Estes Park and the Upper Thompson Sanitation District.

## Volunteer Coordination

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

- The State of Volunteering in America 2014:
  - The annual volunteering survey results were released and it shows that one in four Americans volunteer through an organization and two-thirds help their neighbors (Volunteering and Civic Life in America, 2014) in 2014. Americans volunteered nearly 7.7 billion hours at an estimated value of \$173 billion.
- Tri-county Group (Boulder, Larimer and Weld) starts to meet to coordinate future volunteer efforts:
  - The Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) volunteer coordination groups from Boulder, Larimer and Weld County are meeting monthly convened by Metro Volunteers. They meet the first Friday of each month

to plan volunteer projects and activities across the three largest hit 2013 disaster flood affected counties. The next meeting will be January 9, 2015 in Longmont.

- Although many volunteer groups did not report their hours after the response phase of the 2013 floods, many non-profits organizations were helping Colorado in 2014. More non-profits organizations are planning to come in 2015, as part of a spring break or into summer when the weather is more conducive to rebuilding.

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**Happy New Years from the entire  
Mitigation & Recovery Team!**

