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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.



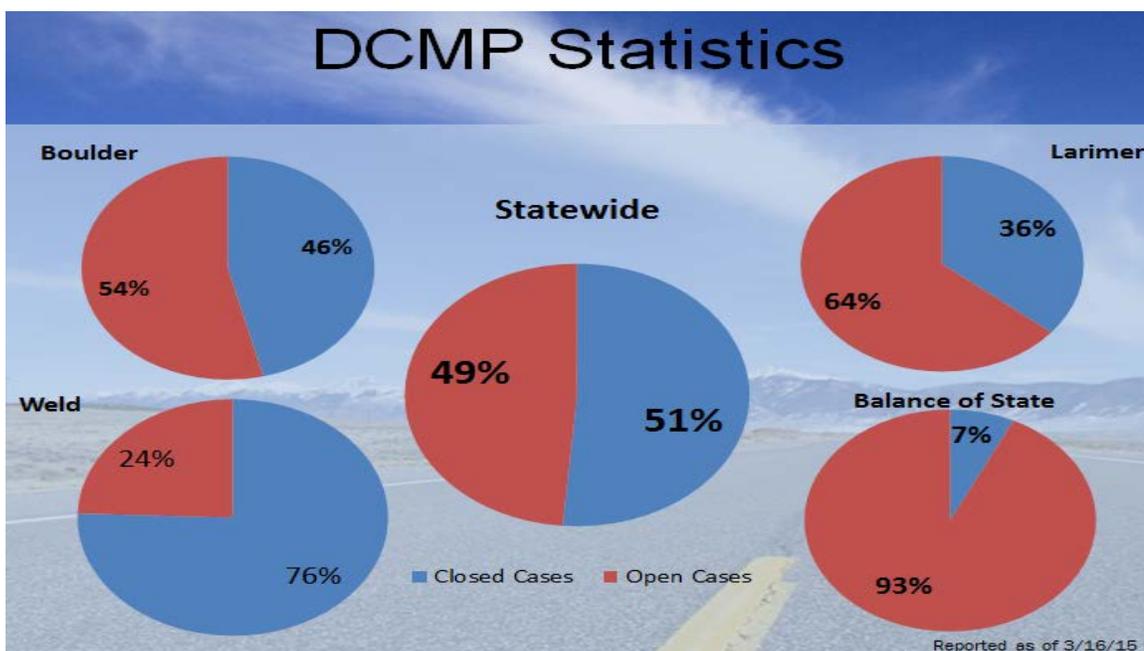
The Town of Jamestown celebrates the opening of their new Fire Station that was constructed using funds from CIRSA and DOLA. The new facility replaced the previous Fire Station that was had been built in 1967 and was destroyed during the September 2013 floods. "Each step of our community's recovery from the 2013 Flood signifies the strength and resilience of our community and an acceptance of the new normal," said Mayor Tara Schoedinger.

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

- FEMA Manufactured Housing Unit (MHU) Program

- On Saturday, March 14, 2015, the last resident of a FEMA Manufactured Housing Unit relocated to a new temporary housing solution, and the keys to the unit were returned to FEMA. This ended a temporary housing program for flood survivors began in late 2013. The program assisted those whose home had more than \$17,000 in damages, or those who received the maximum FEMA grant of \$31,900. At its peak, the program housed forty-seven households in fifty-four units. About ten households received “End of Program” letters giving them the required sixty-day notice in January. Since then, Disaster Case Management staff has been working diligently with their clients and FEMA to facilitate a smooth transition from the MHU’s to suitable permanent or semi-permanent housing. Their efforts helped each of the remaining households find housing and enabled FEMA to end the program on schedule.
- Disaster Case Management (DCM)
 - Progress pie charts will be distributed monthly. The following percentages capture all closed and all open cases per disaster case management center, and also include a statewide overview:



Hazard Mitigation

Program FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Lead State Agency DHSEM
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Guidance FEMA HMGP guidance documents may be found at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

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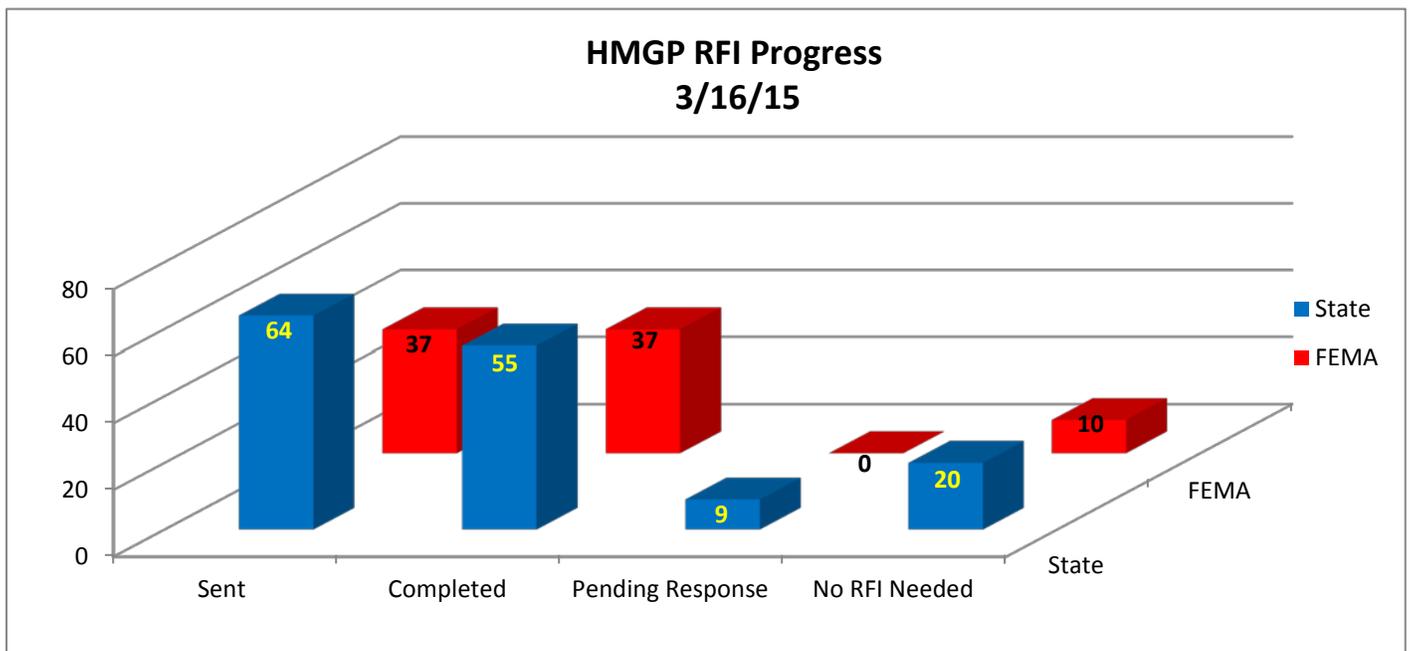
The Mitigation & Recovery Team is wishing a heartfelt goodbye to Mitigation Specialist Kerry Webster this week. Kerry will be taking her extensive wildland fire experience to the Division of Fire Prevention and Control as an Engine Captain for the Colorado River Region based out of Rifle, Colorado. The entire DHSEM family wishes Kerry the very best in her new endeavor!

HMGP is open for five disasters: DRs 1762, 4067, 4133, 4134, and 4145.

- The Mitigation team has submitted seventy-two HMGP applications to FEMA for formal review. Based on the FEMA six-month HMGP estimate, twenty-one applications fell below the original fiscal constraint line. These

applications remain to be submitted to FEMA while the State is reviewing applications and developing the State Request for Information (RFIs). The remaining applications will be submitted to FEMA at the end of March. The State is determining application completeness prior to submitting, and those that are the most complete will be submitted first. Sub-applicants in this second pool will be notified when their application is formally submitted to FEMA for review.

- If a FEMA RFI is generated, it will be communicated to the sub-applicant via DHSEM email. Sub-applicant responses to FEMA RFIs in thirty days are mandatory. Sub-applicants are highly advised to provide their FEMA RFI response to the State within fourteen calendar days of receipt. This will allow for State review and comment prior to FEMA submission. Failure to provide responses to the State within the fourteen-day period will result in responses being sent to FEMA without review. Failure to respond to a FEMA RFI within the thirty-day deadline will result in project removal from the HMGP. Projects can only be reinstated in the HMGP through an extended appeal process.



- State hosted two training sessions this past week on the Duplication of Benefits (DOB) for acquisition projects for the HMGP sub-grantees. The sub-grantees had the option of attending in person or watching over the web. There was a very high participation rate by the sub-grantees. The training will assist the sub-grantee in helping the homeowners prepare their documentation for the DOB process.
- State Mitigation & Recovery staff members are attending the National Emergency Managers Association Mid-Year forum this week. The forum is an opportunity to share ideas with state and federal emergency management representatives from around the United States, as well as incorporate the growing needs of our individual and collective stakeholders
- Monthly HMGP conference calls will be held on the second Friday of the month at 9 a.m. to discuss HMGP program and process updates. The next call is scheduled for Friday, April 10, 2015, with call-in and agenda information emailed directly to current sub-applicants.
- The weekly HMGP acquisition call will resume on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 1 p.m. This call presents the sub-grantee a great opportunity to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the acquisition process.
- The State will be hosting a bi-weekly 5% & Generator conference call starting next Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 10 a.m. Sub-applicants are encouraged to attend to learn more about project specific information and the State Grant Agreement process.

- FEMA awarded funds for four 5% projects and the award notices will be communicated to the sub-grantees soon. The State expects more awards should be announced soon.
- **Are you curious about your HMGP application?** The Mitigation team will be reaching out to sub-applicants over the next two weeks to discuss the progress of your HMGP application(s) and answer any questions you may have. Your patience is greatly appreciated during this process and we look forward to speaking with you soon.
- **Tip of the Week:** Are you informed? To receive the latest Mitigation information and news visit coemergency.com.

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

- Received draft Boulder County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update for State review on March 9, 2015.
- Submitted Fremont County HMP Update to FEMA for review on March 10, 2015.
- Received official 5-year FEMA approval for Summit County HMP Update on March 12, 2015.
- Received official 5-year FEMA approval for Hinsdale County HMP Update on March 12, 2015.
- Three local HMPs remain in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (4 of 14 adoptions for Grand County received to date; 0 of 4 adoptions for Teller County received to date; and, 0 of 6 adoptions for Park County received to date).
- NE Region HMP Update FEMA-required revisions in process by contractor and NE regional representatives.
- Two additional HMPs will be submitted for State review soon (El Paso, Costilla).
- One County HMP in planning process (Douglas).
- DHSEM completed thirteen DR-4145-CO HMGP Planning Grant contracts; contracts are being distributed to jurisdictions for signature and final State contract execution.
- DHSEM provided technical assistance as requested by various HMGP Planning Grant and other local mitigation planning jurisdictions, as well as interface with FEMA and DHSEM staff.

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, nine requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and twenty-nine RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 857, of which 556 are recommended for payment and 166 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 135 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$122.4 million, and \$106.8 million is considered initially eligible. \$60.4 million has been recommended for payment, \$24.4 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$37.6 million is still in progress.
- Five requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and seven were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 239 of which 158 are completed or deferred to closeout, and forty-two were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining thirty-nine are in progress.
- There have been eighteen payments made in the last week for total of \$2.1 million, including federal and state share.

- **Announcements:**

- Next PA call will be March 27, 2015 at 9 a.m. Call in information and presentation will be sent out prior to 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 to have this guidance ready in the coming weeks.
- The hiring of project specialists and finance specialists is still in progress. Two existing DHSEM employees were transferred over into these positions, and one new hire began March 2, 2015. Another new hire is scheduled to begin on March 23, 2015. The remaining candidates are in the background process.
- Thank you to all who submitted time extensions on time. All 234 time extensions that were received were approved by March 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

- Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Guidelines and Notice of Intent (NOIs) / Application are posted on the DOLA CDBG-DR website. Applications will be due by 5 p.m. on May 29, 2015. See 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:

	Count		Dollar Amount	
	This Week	Cumulative	This Week	Cumulative
Infrastructure (\$19.4M)				
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
Under Contract	5	0	\$578,342.13	\$578,342.13

- Ongoing CDBG-DR activities include:
 - Contract for Nederland was sent to DOLA for their review on February 18, 2015. Received comments back and need to make a few minor corrections.
 - Contract for City of Boulder was sent to DOLA for their review on February 27, 2015. Received comments back and need to make a few minor corrections.
 - Contract for City of Evans was sent to DOLA for their review on February 27, 2015. Additional contract for City of Evans was sent to DOLA for review on March 6, 2015.
 - Contract for Larimer County was sent to DOLA on March 5, 2015 for review. Received comments back and need to make a few minor corrections.
 - Acquisition contract for Boulder County (Jamestown) fully executed as of March 6, 2015.
 - Contract for Milliken fully executed as of March 6, 2015.
 - Contract for Manitou Springs fully executed as March 6, 2015.
 - Fish Creek Utilities contract for Town of Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District fully executed as of March 10, 2015.
 - Working on additional contract for Upper Thompson Sanitation District.
 - Working on contract for Town of Lyons – St. Vrain Creek Restoration Project.
 - Working on draft contract for Frederick; receiving their release of funds in middle to late April.

- Working on draft contract for El Paso County; they are in environmental review.
- Working on draft contract for City of Louisville; they are in environmental review.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - DHSEM is evaluating the NOIs for the 2nd round of CDBG-DR funding in the Recover Colorado Infrastructure Program. Funding requests total more than \$120M. Eligibility and NOI evaluations are on-going. Notifications to NOI Applicants on the projects that have been selected to move to full application will be made the end of this week.

Volunteer Coordination

Lead State Agency Colorado Recovery Office
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Program Update

- Larimer Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) Meeting
 - The Larimer County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) met March 10, 2015 in Loveland. Representatives from the Boulder and Weld County recovery groups attended and briefed the group on activities in their counties. In addition, Dan Betts and Jamie Grim from the offices of Senator Cory Gardner and Congressman Jared Polis, respectively, discussed proposed Senate and House legislation designed to afford survivors protection from unjustified or erroneous demands for the return of funds. The bills would also impose a three-year time limit on the FEMA “recoupment” process. Chuck Sullivan and Jaclyn Kurle represented DHSEM’s Disaster Case Management team at the meeting which also included several regional and neighborhood recovery updates, and reports from LTRG standing committees on finances and unmet needs, case management and construction. The meeting concluded with a volunteer management update showing that planning for the support and utilization of the more than 50 volunteer teams expected through August is well under way.



The Larimer Long Term Recovery Group meeting held on March 10, 2015 in Loveland.

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