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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.*

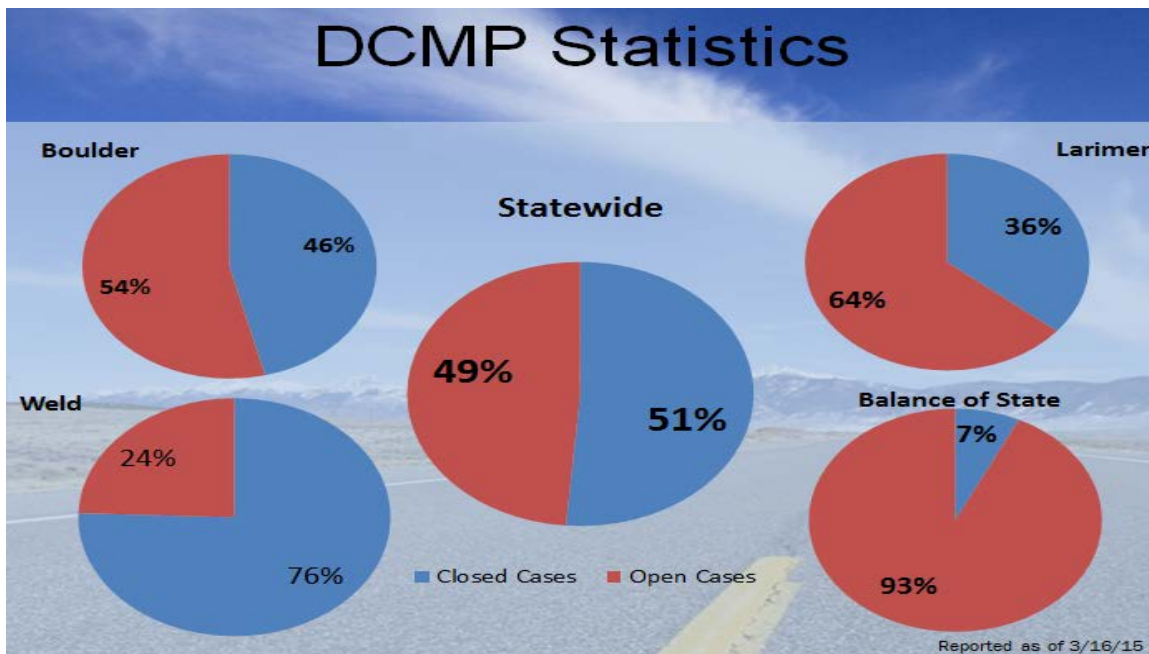
### Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

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

- Disaster Case Management (DCM)
  - Camp Noah: Bringing Hope to Children & Families in Disaster
    - A week-long day camp for children, ages K – 5, whose communities were impacted by the September 2013 flood will be held from March 30, 2015 to April 3, 2015. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at the Greeley Evans Moose Lodge, 3456 11th Ave., Evans, CO 80620. Up to 50 children from Evans and the surrounding area will attend the free event sponsored by Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota.
    - The camp is geared toward helping children process their flood disaster experience and build resiliency skills through a variety of activities that include music, skits, recreation, crafts, small groups, puppet shows and a talent show. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks will be provided free of charge each day. The staff is working with the Weld Recovers Long Term Recovery Group and DCM case managers to enroll children and secure volunteers to work with the children or assist with set-up and meal services.
    - For more information, visit Weld Recovers website: <http://weldrecovers.webnode.com>



- 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:



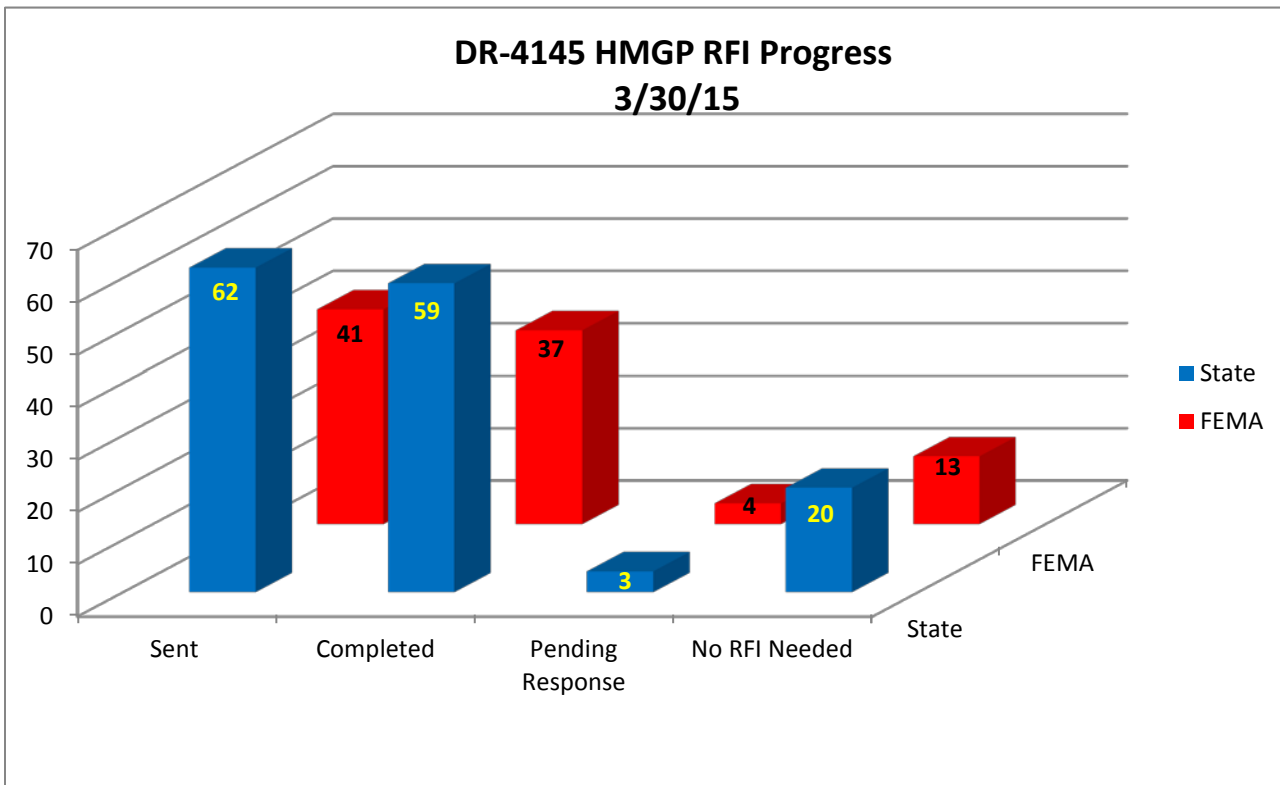
## Hazard Mitigation

<b>Program</b>	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
<b>Lead State Agency</b>	DHSEM
<b>DHSEM POC</b>	Scott Baldwin, Mitigation Specialist
<b>Guidance</b>	FEMA HMGP guidance documents may be found at <a href="http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program">http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program</a>

### Program Update

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

- The Mitigation team has submitted ninety-two HMGP applications to FEMA for formal review. There are only five applications that remain to be submitted to FEMA. 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.
- The graph below is for Disaster 4145 only. The State RFI process has been completed for all other open disasters.



- 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.
- Weekly HMGP acquisition conference calls will be held every Thursday (April 2, 2015 is next call) 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.
- Bi-weekly 5% & Generator conference calls will be held every Tuesday (April 7, 2015 is next next) at 10 a.m. Sub-applicants are encouraged to attend to learn more about project specific information and the State Grant Agreement process.
- The deadline for sub-grantees to submit a HMGP application for DR-4145 is March 31, 2015. The majority of the applications have been submitted with only five remaining to be submitted to FEMA for review and approval.

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

- Received draft El Paso County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update and FEMA Review Tool for State review on March 25, 2015.
- Boulder County HMP Update under initial State Review with current FEMA Review Tool. Awaiting Review Tool update from jurisdiction.
- Three local HMPs remain in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (Grand = 7 of 14 adoptions received to date; Teller = 0 of 4 adoptions received to date; Park = 0 of 6 adoptions received to date).
- Northeast Region HMP Update FEMA-required revisions in process by contractor, Northeast regional representatives, and DHSEM/MARS.
- One County HMP in planning process (Douglas).

- Provided technical assistance as requested from various HMGP Planning Grant and other local mitigation planning jurisdictions, and coordinated with FEMA and DHSEM staff regarding same.

## Infrastructure

<b>Program</b>	FEMA Public Assistance Program (PA)
<b>Lead State Agency</b>	DHSEM
<b>DHSEM POC</b>	Johan Barrios, Recovery Specialist
<b>Guidance</b>	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit/">http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit/</a>
<b>Program Update</b>	

- In the last week, sixteen requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and twenty-one RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 886, of which 605 are recommended for payment and 173 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 108 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$124.7 million, and \$106.8 million is considered initially eligible. \$68.6 million has been recommended for payment, \$27.9 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$28.3 million is still in progress.
- Ten requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and one was completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 254 of which 163 are completed or deferred to closeout, and thirty-nine were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining fifty-two are in progress.
- There have been thirty-five payments made in the last week for total of \$4.2 million, including federal and state share.
- **Announcements:**
  - Next PA call will be April 24, 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 three new hires began in March. The remaining candidates are in the background process.

<b>Program</b>	HUD CDBG-DR Infrastructure (CDBG-DR)
<b>Lead State Agency</b>	DHSEM
<b>DHSEM POC</b>	Justine Willman, Recovery Specialist
<b>Guidance</b>	Action Plan - <a href="http://dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr/content/action-plans">http://dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr/content/action-plans</a>
<b>Forms</b>	<a href="http://dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr/content/impacted-areas">http://dola.colorado.gov/cdbg-dr/content/impacted-areas</a>
<b>Program Update</b>	

- 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](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
Under Contract	0	5	\$0	\$578,342.13

- Ongoing CDBG-DR activities include:
  - Contract for Nederland was sent to DOLA for their review on February 19, 2015. Sent to DOLA for final execution on March 26, 2015.
  - 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 18, 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.
  - Additional contract for Upper Thompson Sanitation District was sent to DOLA for their review on March 27, 2015.
  - Contract for Town of Lyons was sent to DOLA for their review on March 27, 2015.
  - Contract for City of Loveland was sent to DOLA for their review on March 27, 2015.
  - 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 sent out notices on Thursday, March 19, 2015 to NOI applicants on the projects that have been selected to move to full application due May 29, 2015.

## Volunteer Coordination

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

- Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD)
  - We are gearing up for a one day COVOAD Leadership Workshop on April 16, 2015 to develop priorities for the year.
  - Colorado Emotional/Spiritual Care: Train the Trainer Workshop will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 444 S. Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203. The workshop equips qualified Colorado trainers to provide disaster spiritual care training in agreement with the National VOAD Spiritual Care Guidelines. If interested, please complete the application by April 6, 2015 and email it to [coloradovoad@gmail.com](mailto:coloradovoad@gmail.com). For additional questions, contact COVOAD Spiritual Chair Don Falvey at (435) 896-3069 or [donfalvey@yahoo.com](mailto:donfalvey@yahoo.com). Applicants will be notified of acceptance no later than April 29<sup>th</sup>.

- There are two VOAD conferences upcoming:
  - Mountain West VOAD Conference on April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, Utah
  - National VOAD Conference on May 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans, Louisiana

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