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Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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Mitigation and Recovery Program Report

November 20, 2015

DHSEM is working with governments, private-nonprofit organizations, and other critical partners on the following mitigation and recovery efforts.



Colorado volunteers from Southern Baptist Disaster Relief sift through the ashes of home damaged by the Station Fire in Casper, Wyoming.

Colorado Residents Helping Neighbors Colorado Baptist Disaster Relief (CBDR), a member of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) continues to provide debris removal and cleanup to those affected by the Spring 2015 storms. Even though the group remains busy in Colorado, they were able to deploy to Casper, WY to assist with clean up from the recent Station Fire. CBDR, with additional volunteers from Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming, spent a week removing debris and sifting ashes for homeowners.

Assistance for Individuals, Households and Small Businesses

Program Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
Lead State Agency DHSEM
DHSEM POC Marilyn Gally

Program Update

- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration #14467 and #14468. Effective September 16, 2015, SBA loans for physical damage and economic injury are available in El Paso, Crowley, Fremont, Teller, Douglas, Lincoln, Elbert, and Pueblo Counties.
- The filing deadline to return applications for property damage was November 16, 2015. The deadline to return economic injury applications is June 16, 2016. ([SBA Disaster Loans](#))

DR-4145

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

Program Update

Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) November 10, 2015

- On November 5, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) Robyn Knappe and Disaster Case Management (DCM) Program Manager Chuck Sullivan attended the Boulder Long Term Flood Recovery Group's (LTFRG) after action review (AAR) debriefing session for Case Management Supervisors. Laura Spicer, LTFRG MSW Intern, facilitated the session at the Longmont LTFRG office as part of a series of debriefing meetings. In these meetings, the formation and operation of the LTFRG is being examined by the individuals that have been a part of the process. Last week, the Case Management Supervisors in attendance represented Boulder County, Catholic Charities, City of Boulder, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the Episcopal Diocese, and Volunteer/Workforce Grant case management. As case managers had done in prior sessions, the supervisors shared their thoughts on what worked well and what didn't in providing Case Management to the 2013 flood survivors. The meeting ended with the group providing suggestions for improvement. After the debriefings are complete, the information will be used by the LTFRG Executive Committee to publish a comprehensive AAR that incorporates recommendations for improving the recovery process in the future.



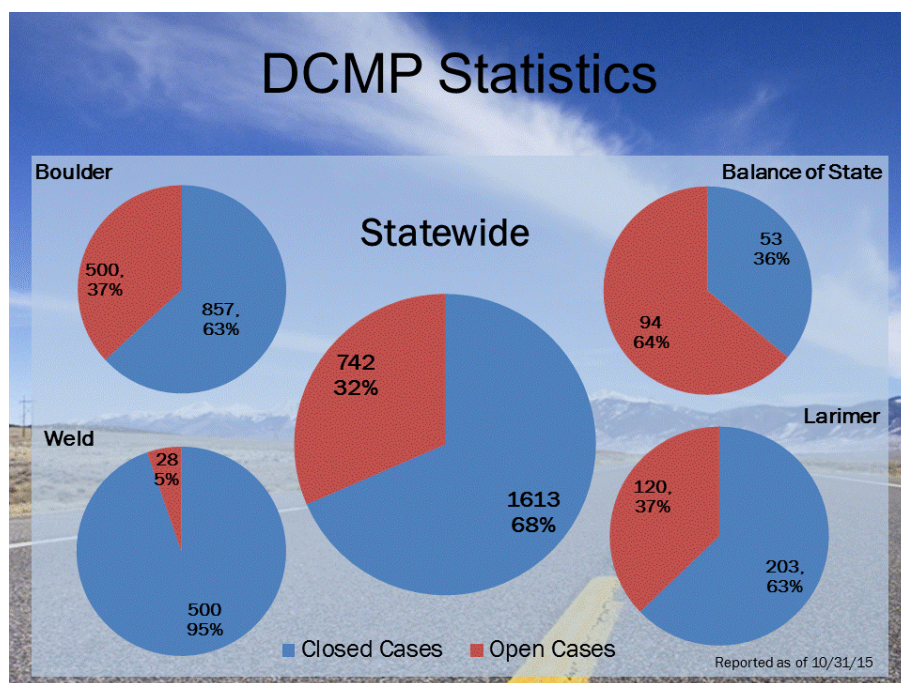
DCMP November 16, 2015

- On November 10, Disaster Case Management (DCM) Program Manager Chuck Sullivan attended the Larimer County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meeting at the Cowboy Church in Loveland. The group was briefed on the status of the remaining Unmet Needs funds available, case management home access projects and volunteer efforts including those of another AmeriCorps team hard at work in the county. LTRG Co-Chair Laura Levy announced plans to conduct several "lessons learned" activities in early 2016 and that no meeting will be held in December. The group will meet next in January.



Phyllis Kane, Case Supervisor for Larimer County, gives an update as Laura Levy, Larimer LTRG Co-Chair, looks on.

- As of October 31, 2015, the number of open 2013 flood survivor cases stood at 742. Slightly more than one-half of these cases (375) were being overseen by the State’s Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP). Through October, over 1,613 cases--68% of the state-wide total--have been closed. Many of the remaining cases are in the process of obtaining assistance through Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) programs administered by Colorado’s Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Others are being referred to Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) Unmet Needs Committees in Boulder, Larimer and Weld counties, or local non-profits with available resources.

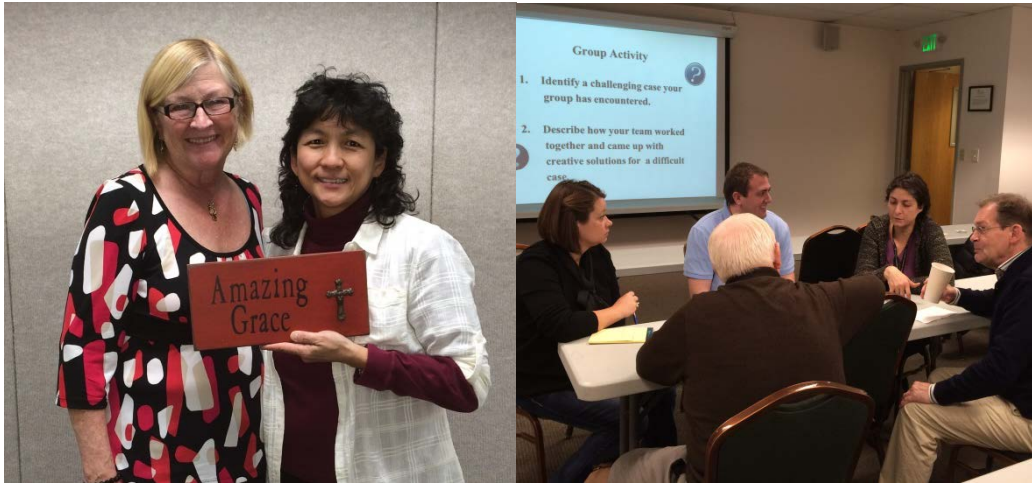


DCMP Training

- On Thursday November 12th, a statewide DCMP training session was held at Catholic Charities in Denver. The training provided the disaster case management staff a variety of training topics and an opportunity for case managers to share success stories from the different DCM case centers.
- A CDBG-DR update was provided by DOLA’s Allison O’Kelly and she also addressed specific questions posed DCMP staff. Daniel England of Metro Volunteers, the CDBG-DR fiscal agent for the eight Balance of State counties, followed up with a summary on the number and status of cases they are currently processing. Janet Strickland, Catholic Charities’ Access and Functional Needs Specialist, led a small group session that focused on creative solutions to challenging cases.
- State Volunteer Agency Liaison, Robyn Knappe, presented Motivational Interviewing – Part II and expanded on the information presented in the workbook provided to case managers following the initial session on June 23.

Robyn also presented a token of appreciation to Grace Miller, DCMP's Boulder Data Specialist, in recognition of development of the state-wide caseload tracking and reporting system used by all DCMP offices.

- The meeting closed with DCMP Supervisor from each center providing an update on transition and demobilization planning. The next DCMP training is scheduled for January 21.



Left: Robyn Knappe recognized Grace Miller for her work in Disaster Case Management in Boulder County.
Right: Case Managers broke into small groups to discuss solutions for challenging cases.

Consumer Protection

Spring 2015

Program	Consumer Protection
Lead State Agency	DORA Division of Insurance (DOI)
DORA POC	NA
DHSEM POC	NA
Program Update	

- The Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) – Division of Insurance (DOI) has posted consumer protection information for those affected by recent storm damage titled, “Consumer Alert: Five Insurance Tips for Storm Damage”.
- This information is available at: <http://www.dhsem.state.co.us/news/2015-06-05/consumer-alert-five-insurance-tips-storm-damage-colorado-dora>. Tips include how to deal with storm damage and insurance, including documenting and mitigating damage, checking contractors, and verifying public adjusters. The alert also includes flood insurance tips, creating a home inventory, and contact numbers for DOI.

Debris Management

Spring 2015

Program	NA
Lead State Agency	DHSEM
DHSEM POC	Robyn Knappe, Voluntary Agency Liaison
Program Update	

- The Southern Baptists are available and willing to assist property owners affected by flooding, tornados, etc. with tasks relating to debris management and property cleanup.

Hazard Mitigation

Annual Programs

Program	FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM)
Lead State Agency	DHSEM
DHSEM POC	Scott Baldwin, Acting Deputy State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Guidance	FY 2015 Guidance & Addendum: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279
Program Update	

- The competitive FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program is authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended. This program makes federal funds available to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. FEMA has announced PDM program availability for this year. A State application, including sub-applications, was submitted to FEMA on August 28, 2015.

Program	FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP)
Lead State Agency	DHSEM
DHSEM POC	Scott Baldwin, Acting Deputy State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Guidance	FY 2015 Guidance & Addendum: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279
Program Update	

- The competitive FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program is authorized under the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994. This program makes federal funds available to eligible applicants with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FEMA has announced program availability for this year. The State submitted an application to FEMA on August 28, 2015.

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

November 9, 2015

- Douglas County Hazard Mitigation Program (HMP) Update Required Revisions (RR) sent to FEMA for second review (11/6/2015).
- Weld County HMP Update under State review.
- Costilla County HMP/Comprehensive Plan under State review.
- One HMP in FEMA RR process (Boulder County).
- One local HMP in Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status (Arapahoe County = seven of 13 adoptions to date).
- Northeast Region continues to procure local HMP adoptions (33 of 37 adoptions received to date).
- El Paso County continues to procure local HMP adoptions (seven of eight adoptions received to date).
- At least twelve HMPs in planning process (Broomfield, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Colorado Springs, Custer, Jefferson, Larimer, Las Animas, Montezuma, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, and Routt).
- Dolores, San Juan, and San Luis Valley (Five County Regional HMP Update) undergoing contract and procurement process. DR-4229 Planning related Notice of Interests (NOIs) received by seven jurisdictions (Bennett, Boulder, Centennial, Delta, Montrose, Pitkin, Westminster).
- Continued attendance and participation at local HMP development meetings; technical assistance provided as requested from various HMGP Planning Grant and other local mitigation planning jurisdictions.

November 16, 2015

- Douglas County HMP Update granted APA status by FEMA on November 10, 2015.
- Weld County HMP Update under State review.
- City & County of Broomfield HMP Update under State review.
- Costilla County HMP/Comprehensive Plan under State review.
- One HMP in FEMA Required Revisions (RR) process (Boulder County).
- Two local HMPs in APA status (Arapahoe County = Eight of 13 adoptions to date; Douglas County = zero of seven adoptions to date).
- Northeast Region continues to procure local HMP adoptions (35 of 37 adoptions received to date).
- El Paso County continues to procure local HMP adoptions (seven of eight adoptions received to date).
- At least eleven HMPs in planning process (Chaffee, Clear Creek, Colorado Springs, Custer, Jefferson, Larimer, Las Animas, Montezuma, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, Routt).
- Dolores, San Juan, and San Luis Valley (Five county Regional HMP Update) undergoing procurement process.
- Four HMP Updates to be funded via DR-4229 Planning (Delta, Montrose, Pitkin, Westminster).
- Continued attendance and participation at local HMP development meetings; technical assistance provided as requested from various HMGP Planning Grant entities, additional local mitigation planning jurisdictions, and other State agencies.

DRs-4067, 4133, 4134, 4145, 4229

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>

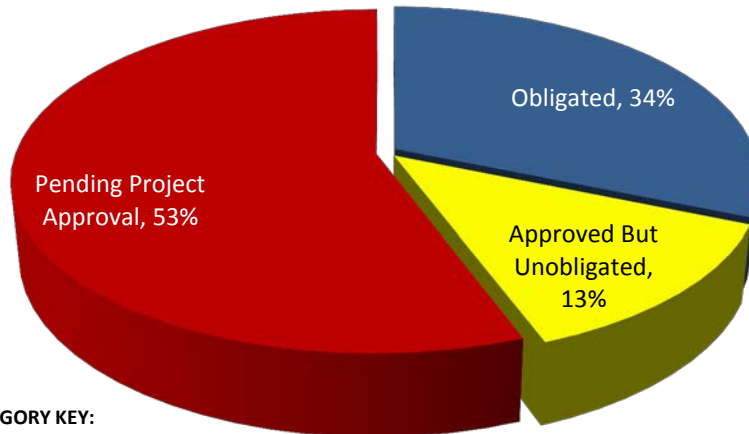
Program Update

The State is currently working five disasters that involve HMGP funding: DR 4067, 4133, 4134, 4145, and 4229. A breakdown of projects by disaster is below:

Disaster	Number of Projects
4067	4
4133	2
4134	7
4145	78
Total Projects	91

FEMA continues to review project applications. Only 9 projects remain in the initial FEMA review queue due to extended project analysis, technical feasibility, environmental, historical, cultural review/studies and/or project phasing deliverables. The majority of projects have been awarded and the state continues to coordinate projects still under review.

DR 4145 - HMGP Funds Breakdown



CATERGORY KEY:

Obligated: Funds Awarded By FEMA

Approved But Unobligated: Approved/Unobligated Due To FEMA's Strategic Funds Management (SFM)

Pending Project Approval: Awaiting Project Approval From FEMA

The State has received a total of 23 Notice of Interest (NOI) for proposed projects for HMGP DR-4229. Completed NOIs will be reviewed for programmatic eligibility and technical feasibility by mitigation experts on the State Hazard Mitigation Team this week.

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

DR-4145

Week Ending November 6th

- In the last week, 23 requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and 15 RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,515 of which 1,090 are recommended for payment and 220 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 205 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$179.5 million, and \$160.6 million is considered initially eligible. \$116.6 million has been recommended for payment, \$23.5 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$20.5 million is still in progress.
- Four requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and nine were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 396 of which 268 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 63 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 65 are in progress.
- There have been 12 payments made in the last week for total of \$3,098,990.50 including federal and state share.
- 179 small project closeout requests and 13 large project closeouts submitted to FEMA."

Week Ending November 13th

- In the last week, six requests for reimbursements (RFRs) were submitted, and 17 RFRs have been recommended for payment. The total amount of RFRs is now at 1,526 of which 1,107 are recommended for payment and 221 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 198 are in progress. The total amount requested is \$182.2 million, and \$163.9 million is considered initially eligible. \$117.2 million has been recommended for payment, \$21.7 million has been returned to sub-grantees for additional information, and \$25 million is still in progress.
- Three requests for scope changes were submitted in the last week, and zero were completed or deferred to closeout. The total amount of scope change requests is now 399 of which 268 are completed or deferred to closeout, and 61 were returned to the sub-grantees for additional information. The remaining 70 are in progress.
- There have been zero payments made in the last week for total of zero dollars, including federal and state share.
- 179 small project closeout requests and 13 large project closeouts submitted to FEMA.

Announcements:

- Next PA call will be December 9, 2015 at 9 a.m. Call in information and presentation will be sent out prior to the call.

DR-4229

- FEMA Joint Field Office (JFO) closes on November 20, 2015.
- FEMA will close the JFO this Friday, November 20, 2015 as scheduled. Writing and approval of Project Worksheets will be transitioned to the State and FEMA Region VIII.
- CO.EMGrants.com
- DHSEM is working on a schedule and training plan for CO EMGrants. Any questions can be directed to cdps_dhsem_PA4229@state.co.us.
- **Announcements:**
 - The Monthly PA Applicants Assistance Call is Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Please submit questions you wish to be addressed during this teleconference to: cdps_dhsem_PA4229@state.co.us

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

Expenditure & Performance Report for the Week Ending November 6, 2015

Infrastructure Summary								
Allocation	Allocation Amount	# of Projects	Total Award	Obligated	Monthly Expenditures	Expenditures to Date	% Expended	Remaining Balance
1st Allocation	\$21,067,600	49	\$ 15,719,177	\$ 12,912,152	\$ -	\$ 277,641	1%	\$20,789,959
2nd Allocation	\$34,278,810	25	\$ 28,802,693	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$34,278,810
3rd Allocation	\$11,766,617						0%	\$11,766,617
Total	\$67,113,027	74	\$ 44,521,870	\$ 12,912,152	\$ -	\$ 277,641	0%	\$66,835,386

Summary Narrative

- 49 projects have currently been awarded and 41 are under contract in the 1st Allocation.
- 25 projects have currently been awarded in the 2nd Allocation.

1st Allocation – Infrastructure Program (\$21,067,600)

Infrastructure (\$21M)	Count			Dollar Amount		
	This Month	Previous	Cumulative	This Month	Previous	Cumulative
Projects Awarded	0	49	49	\$ -	\$ 15,719,177.15	\$ 15,719,177.15
Projects Under Contract	0	41	41	\$ -	\$ 12,912,152.47	\$ 12,912,152.47
# Projects Started (first draw)*	0	8	8	\$ -	\$ 277,641.00	\$ 277,641.00
# Projects Completed	0	1	1	\$ -	\$ 7,344.00	\$ 7,344.00

1st Allocation Comments

- Jefferson Conservation District – Coal Creek Canyon: Beaver Creek at Twin Spruce Gap Road Stabilization project has been moved to the 2nd Allocation of funding.
- Contract Amendments for this month are as follows:
 - Larimer County – CR 27 Project
 - Town of Jamestown – Water Main Extension
 - Town of Estes Park – Scott Ponds
 - Town of Estes Park – Fish Creek Corridor
 - Upper Thompson Sanitation District Projects under construction:
 - Estes Park and Upper Thompson Sanitation District – Fish Creek Corridor
 - Town of Frederick – Bella Rosa and Wetland Loop
 - Jamestown – Water Plant and Water Extension Service
 - Town of Windsor – John Law Floodplain
 - Larimer County CR 27

2nd Allocation – Infrastructure Program (\$34,278,810)

2nd Allocation Comments

- Grantees are working on their environmental reviews, finalizing milestones with budgets, and signatory authority forms.

Infrastructure (\$34.2M)	Count			Dollar Amount		
	This Month	Previous	Cumulative	This Month	Previous	Cumulative
Projects Awarded	8	17	25	\$10,430,695	\$18,371,998	\$28,802,693
Projects Under Contract	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
# Projects Started (first draw)*	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
# Projects Completed	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2nd Allocation Comments

- DHSEM has sent Next Steps Letters to the following organizations:
 - Adams County
 - Big Elk Meadows
 - City and County of Denver
 - City of Evans
 - City of Loveland
 - City of Manitou Springs
 - El Paso County
 - Larimer County
 - Town of Estes Park

Volunteer Coordination

Lead State Agency Colorado Recovery Office
DHSEM POC Robyn Knappe, State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Program Update

Mass Care Council

- Key stakeholders from non-profits and federal, state, and local government agencies met on November 4 to review and update a Multi-Agency Feeding Plan. The updated plan will build a collaborative response to disasters, with a focus on utilizing the strengths of each organization involved. In doing so, the Mass Care Council hopes to increase response capability in times of disaster.
- The bulk of the meeting was spent inventorying current capacity and resources. Council members reviewed resources of the Army Guard, Air Guard, Food Bank of the Rockies, The Salvation Army, and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief and plan to use this information to update the Feeding Assets Map.
- The Council will meet again on December 9 to discuss further revisions.

Disaster Recovery Resource Seminar

- The state of Colorado collaborated with Colorado Springs, El Paso County and South Central Region Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (SCR VOAD) to organize a Disaster Recovery Resource Seminar for individuals affected by the Spring 2015 storms and landslides on November 10. The seminar featured presentations from the Colorado Geological Survey and Operation HOPE, and had representatives from American Red Cross, United Policyholders, Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, and Team Rubicon present to meet with residents individually. Catholic Charities of Central Colorado processed 12 case management intakes for El Paso County residents in need of assistance.



Left: Robyn Knappe and staff from Colorado Geological Survey Right: Jason Yancey, Operation HOPE, presenting "Disaster Financial Preparedness and Recovery"

Mitigation and Recovery Points of Contact

If you are unsure of the appropriate contact or if you have general questions/concerns for any of the grant programs, please call the Colorado Recovery Hotline at 720-500-5510.

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