Lyons Strong
2013 Flood Event and Disaster Recovery
Lyons, Colorado

- Located in Boulder County
- Confluence of North & South St. Vrain Creeks
- Beautiful Sandstone and Canyons
- Outdoor Recreation, Music and Art
- Local Restaurants, Beer and Distillery
- Population 2,035 - Statutory Town
- 960 Households
- General Fund Budget: $1.1 Million Annually
- Operate Water, Sewer, and Electric Utilities
- 15 Full Time Staff

http://www.lyonsfightsback.org/
Flood Event

- Normal Creek Flows at Spring Runoff > 1,200 cfs
- Flood Estimates Range  > 26,000 cfs
- 8,800 cfs is 100 Year Event = 500+ Event
- River Created 400+ foot Gash through Town
- Ripped Apart Water distribution, Sewer collection, Electric, Gas and Communication lines
- Waste water Plant Inundated
- Divided Community into Six Islands
- Roads and Bridges Destroyed and Access Cut off
- Town Isolated for 36 Hours
Aftermath

- 2,000 Evacuated - Search and Rescue / National Guard
- One Death
- Emergency Protective Measures Taken
- 211 Homes Damaged
  - 84 Substantially Damaged
- Preliminary Damage Assessment
  - $50 million for Public Assistance
- Town Hall & Library Uninhabitable
- Public Works Facility and Equipment Destroyed
- Complete Destruction of Parks Facilities
- Creeks Re-routed and Stream Banks Scoured
Actions

- Residents to Temporary Housing
- Daily Staff Meetings
- Weekly Community Updates
- Schools Relocated to Longmont for 3 Months
- All Businesses Closed for At Least 7 Weeks
- Security Checkpoint into Community
- Temporary WWTP and Utilities
- Secure and Build Temporary Roads and Bridges
- Partnerships with Local, State and Federal Agencies
Affect

- Loss of 20% of Housing Stock and Decrease of Property Tax Revenue for 2014
- Business Community Closed for 7 Weeks
  - Loss of All Sales Tax Revenue and Anticipate 40% Decline
- Use of All Funds and Reserves toward Disaster
  - $50 million Damages
    - 75% FEMA / 12.5% State / 12/5% Local
    - Local Match = $6.5 million
    - Lyons Reserves = $4.4 million
- Reimbursement causes Cash Flow Issues
- Complete Destruction of Parks Facilities
Short-Term Recovery

- Mental Health Assistance
- Locating Temporary Housing
- Individual Assistance – Volunteers Critical
- Hiring Temporary Personnel
- Temporary WWTP and Utilities Installed
- Secured and Built Temporary Roads and Bridges
- Returning Neighborhoods as Utilities Restored
Mid-Term Recovery

- Prepare for Spring Runoff
- Financial Forecasting & Strategy
- 4 Projects in FEMA PAAP Program
- 33 Standard Public Assistance Projects
- 64 Recovery Action Strategies
- Long-term Recovery Planning

http://vimeo.com/77357408
Long-Term Recovery
Rebuild Lyons Strong!
Progress Report

Nine Months Post Flood

Town Expense Incurred To Date $6,622,000
CIRSA Insurance To Date $3,172,362
Requests for Reimbursement in Queue 1,899,521
FEMA Reimbursement To Date 946,942
State Reimbursement to Date 165,842
Advance from FEMA/State Approved 3,500,000

Need Additional Support for Grant Management
Resiliency & Strategic Planning

- FEMA Capacity Building Led to Lyons Recovery Plan
- CPAT / APA Visit and Plans
- Lyons Recovery Action Plan
- Recovery Working Groups – 64 Goals
- Sustainability and Mitigation Consideration in each
- DHSEM – Hired State Recovery Liaison
- DHSEM – Hired Local Disaster Recovery Manager
- Need Communications Coordinator
Rebuild Lyons Strong
USDA Rural Development

Committed to the future of rural communities

Pattie Snidow – Area Director
Community & Economic Development Director
Colorado Rural Development
Our mission is to:

Increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans.
2013 Funding in Colorado

- Affordable Housing: $330.94 Million
- Water/Waste Water: $9.7 Million
- Community Facilities: $20.6 Million
  - Loans, Grants and Guaranteed Loans
2013 Funding in Colorado

Continued

- Business Programs $28.3 Million
- Renewable Energy $340,737
- Rural Electric Program $543 Million
Total Rural Development Investment
In Colorado 2013

$946,735,710 (with electric)

$406 million without electric
Water & Environmental Programs

- Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, Special Districts, & HOAs
- Populations 10,000 or less
- Water Treatment
- Waste Water Treatment
- Household Well Revolving Loan Fund

Community Facilities

- Populations of 20,000 or less
- Grants, loans, and loan guarantees
- Eligible Applicants:
  Public entities, nonprofits, tribal governments.
Community Facilities cont.

- Purpose:
  To develop essential community facilities such as schools, libraries, medical clinics, community centers, fire and rescue stations, child care facilities.

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html
Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan

- **Eligible Areas:** Unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with populations less than 50,000
- Rural Development guarantees business loans made by banks
- Provide incentive for business lending to save and/or create jobs in rural areas

Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan Fund Uses:

- Real Estate
- Equipment
- Working capital
- Refinancing - for non-farm businesses, integrated businesses (agriculture with processing)
Renewable Energy for America Program

REAP

Small Businesses in areas of population of less than 50,000

And

Farmers and Ranchers

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/IA_bc_energy_reap.html
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs

• Establishes a loan, loan guarantee, and grant program to assist eligible farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses in purchasing renewable energy systems and for making energy efficiency improvements.

• 25% Reimbursement Grant for Equipment and Installation
Intermediary Relending Loan Program

Comprised of two elements:

**Intermediary** - a private non-profit corp., profit, public agency, cooperative, or Indian Tribe who borrows from government

Ultimate recipient - individuals whom the intermediary makes loans to
Intermediary Relending Loan Program

- Eligible areas: Unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with population less than 25,000

- Program’s goal is to capitalize locally run revolving loan programs for small businesses unable to obtain adequate bank financing

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_irp.html
Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program
REDLG

Eligible Applicant Entities:

• Have borrowed and repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct, or guaranteed loan received under the Rural Electrification Act

• Be a not-for-profit utility that is eligible to receive assistance from the Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Program

• Be a current Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs Borrower
REDLG Eligible Purpose Examples

- Capitalization of revolving loan funds
- Technical assistance in conjunction with projects funded under a zero interest REDLoan
- Business Incubators
- Community Development Assistance to non-profits and public bodies (particularly job creation or enhancement)
- Facilities and equipment for education and training for rural residents to facilitate economic development
- Facilities and equipment for medical care to rural residents
- Telecommunications/computer networks for distance learning or long distance medical care

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_redlg.html
Business Grant Programs to be combined in 2014

• Rural Business Enterprise Grants
• Rural Business Opportunity Grants
Rural Business Enterprise Grant

- Non-profit corporations, Indian Tribes, and public bodies are eligible

- Entities unincorporated rural areas, cities, and towns with populations less than 50,000

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_rbeg.html
Rural Business Enterprise Grant

- To finance and facilitate the development of community economic programs which will assist small and emerging individual business enterprises in rural areas

- Funds may be used for revolving loan fund, technical assistance, or other business development
Rural Business Opportunity Grant

- Public bodies, Indian Tribes, non-profit corporations, and cooperatives are eligible.

- Entities must be in rural areas with populations less than 10,000.

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_RBOG.html
Rural Business Opportunity Grant

Goal is to promote **sustainable economic development**

Funds used to:

- Develop feasibility studies
- Technical assistance
- Business and economic development
- Planning and training
Value Added Producer Grants

• Funds for agricultural producers for planning activities and working capital expenses

• To assist in receiving a greater share of the consumer’s dollar for value-added agricultural products.

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.html
Project Location and Income Eligibility Website


In addition to Business and Water Program project sites this includes:

- Direct Single Family Housing loans for Low and Very Low Income Applicants
- Guarantee Single Family Housing loans for Moderate Income Applicants
- Multi-Family Housing Facility Loan Guarantee for Workforce Housing
Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) Website
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_NOFAs.html

Community and Economic Development Programs – Technical Assistance:
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/LP_EconDevHome.html

Community and Economic Development Contacts:
For additional information on Rural Development programs, visit our website at:

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html
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