

EL POMAR FOUNDATION

August 2023 Regional Grant Announcements

The following document is a collection of nine press releases sent by El Pomar Foundation to media outlets in rural regions across Colorado in October 2023. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's August 2023 Trustee meeting.

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For more information about El Pomar's grant making, please [visit our website](#) or contact Erin Hannan, Vice President of Communications, with specific questions about these announcements at ehannan@elpomar.org.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$332,000 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—October 17, 2023—El Pomar Trustees approved \$332,000 allocated to 29 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation’s August Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Achieve, Inc. (Buena Vista) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- All Aboard Westcliffe, Inc. — \$15,000 for restorations; competitive
- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County (Cañon City) — \$12,500 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- Boys and Girls Club of South Park, Inc. (Fairplay) — \$10,000 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- Boys and Girls Club of Chaffee County (Salida)
 - \$50,000 for the Buena Vista capital campaign; competitive
 - \$15,000 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
 - \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Buena Vista School District R-31 — \$15,000 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- CASA of Pueblo — \$5,000 for Heart of Colorado CASA (Cañon City); regional merit
- Cotopaxi Consolidated Schools — \$10,000 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. (Westcliffe) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Custer County School District C-1 (Westcliffe) — \$22,500 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- elevateHER (Buena Vista) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Fremont Adventure Recreation (Cañon City) — \$2,500 in general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Fremont School District RE-1 (Cañon City) — \$15,000 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- Fremont School District RE-2 (Florence) — \$15,000 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (Salida) — \$2,500 for youth outdoor recreation mobile gear library; regional merit
- Green Thumb Initiative (Cañon City) — \$7,500 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center (Cañon City) — \$7,000 in general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Mini Blessings (Buena Vista) — \$5,000 in general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Misfits Dog Rescue (Penrose) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Park County Department of Human Services (Fairplay) — \$7,500 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- Park County School District RE-2 (Fairplay)
 - \$7,500 for youth mental health efforts; regional council

- \$2,500 for consumable supplies for Building Trades Classes; regional merit
- Park County Senior Coalition (Fairplay)
 - \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
 - \$2,500 in general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- PeaceWorks, Inc. (Bailey) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Salida School District R32-J — \$15,000 for youth mental health efforts; regional council
- Town of Buena Vista — \$20,000 for the Billy Cordova Memorial Park Trail; competitive
- Uncaged Today, Inc. (Cañon City) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (Cañon City) — \$30,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Wetmore Community Library — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$65,000 to organizations in the High Country region

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- Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (Denver)
 - \$2,500 for High Rockies Harm Reduction in Eagle County; Trustee regional merit
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- Cycle Effect (Eagle) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Eagle County (Gypsum) — \$10,000 for the Minturn portion of Eagle Valley Trail; competitive
- Keystone Science School — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- Lake County Community Fund (Leadville)
 - \$15,000 for support of local nonprofits; competitive
 - \$2,500 for Get Outdoors Leadville!; Trustee regional merit
- Response - Help for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Aspen) — \$20,000 for construction of the Center for Hope and Healing; competitive
- Salvation Army - Vail Valley (Edwards) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit

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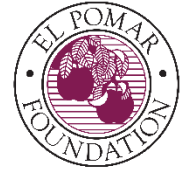
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$409,000 to organizations in the North region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—October 17, 2023—El Pomar Trustees approved \$409,000 allocated to 26 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the North region at the Foundation’s August Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- A Kid's Place (Greeley) — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County (Fort Collins) — \$27,500 for youth mental health programs; regional council
- Arc of Weld County (Greeley) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Attention, Inc. (Boulder) — \$7,500 in support for abused and homeless adolescents; competitive
- Boulder County RSVP Board, Inc. (Boulder) — \$10,000 in support for seniors and adults with disabilities; competitive
- Boys and Girls Club of Weld County (Greeley)
 - \$15,000 for youth mental health programs in Fort Lupton, Greeley, and Millikin; regional council
 - \$7,000 in general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County (Fort Collins) — \$10,000 for youth mental health programs in Estes Park and Wellington; regional council
- Buffs 4 Life (Boulder) — \$2,500 for mental health programs; Trustee regional merit
- CASA of Larimer County (Fort Collins) — \$7,000 in general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Center for Family Outreach, Inc. (Fort Collins)
 - \$20,000 for youth mental health programs; regional council
 - \$5,000 in general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- City of Longmont — \$12,500 for Longmont Youth Center mental health programs; regional council
- Colorado State University Foundation (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 for 4-H scholarships; regional merit
- Energize Colorado, Inc. (Boulder) — \$50,000 for Rural Community Engagement Manager; competitive
- Estes Park Learning Place, Inc. — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success — \$15,000 for youth mental health programs; regional council
- Family Center - La Familia (Fort Collins) — \$30,000 for youth mental health programs; regional council
- Greeley Dream Team, Inc. — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- La Cocina (Fort Collins) — \$30,000 for youth mental health programs in Larimer Country; regional council
- Larimer County Behavioral Health Services (Fort Collins) — \$10,000 in uncompensated care for youth at the Longview campus; regional council
- Larimer County Partners, Inc. (Fort Collins)
 - \$45,000 for youth mental health programs in Estes Park, Fort Collins/Loveland, and Greeley; regional council

- \$7,500 in general operating support; competitive
- North Range Behavioral Health (Greeley) — \$15,000 for youth mental health programs, regional council
- Operation Birthday, Inc. (Louisville) — \$2,500 in general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Sister Carmen Community Center, Inc. (Lafayette) — \$15,000 for a new playground; competitive
- United Way of Weld County, Inc. (Greeley)
 - \$5,000 in general operating support; merit
 - \$2,500 for Providers Advancing School Outcomes Institute; regional merit
 - \$2,500 for Housing Navigations Center’s cold weather shelter; regional merit
- University of Colorado Foundation (Denver)
 - \$2,500 for the University of Colorado Center for Leadership; merit
 - \$25,000 for CU Boulder President's Leadership Class; merit
- Voices for Children, Inc. (Boulder) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

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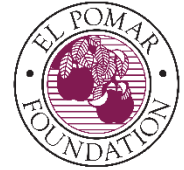
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$187,050 to organizations in the Northeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—October 17, 2023—El Pomar Trustees approved \$187,050 allocated to 10 nonprofit organizations in the Northeast region at the Foundation’s August Trustees meetings. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc. (Sterling) —\$20,000 for the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation program; competitive
- Family Resource Center (Sterling)
 - \$25,000 for youth mental health programming; regional council
 - \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Fort Sedgwick Historical Society (Julesburg) — \$5,000 for the South Platte River Trail Historic Byway; regional merit
- Kids at Their Best, Inc. (Fort Morgan) — \$7,050 in general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Kit Carson Rural Development — \$2,500 for Katie's Corner; regional merit
- Logan County Childcare Collaborative (Sterling) — \$70,000 for kitchen expansion and equipment; regional council
- Morgan County Family Center, Inc. (Fort Morgan) — \$25,000 for youth mental health programming; regional council
- Prairie View Health Resources, Inc. (Cheyenne Wells) — \$2,500 for the Keefe Memorial Hospital hospital week program; regional merit
- Regional Home Visitation Program (Yuma) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Rural Communities Resource Center (Yuma) — \$25,000 for youth mental health programming; regional Council

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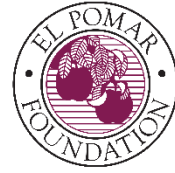
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$97,500 to organizations in the Northwest region

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- Better Tomorrow (Steamboat Springs) — \$15,000 for the Brighter World Child Advocacy Center; competitive
- Grand Mesa Nordic Council (Grand Junction) — \$15,000 for the Skyway Cabin; competitive
- Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Steamboat Springs Discovery Learning Center — \$15,000 in general operating support; merit
- Western Colorado Community Foundation, Inc. (Grand Junction) — \$50,000 for the Center for Philanthropy capital campaign; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$81,200 to nonprofits in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—October 19, 2023—El Pomar Trustees approved \$81,200 allocated to six nonprofit organizations in the San Juan region at the Foundation’s August Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, Inc. (Montrose) —\$7,500 in general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Calvary Ranch Colorado (Montrose) — \$7,500 in general operating support; merit
- Ouray Teacher Fund — \$5,000 for professional development costs for teachers; regional council
- San Miguel Mentoring Program (Telluride) — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Unify America (Evanston, Ill.) — \$50,000 for the Unify Montrose program; regional council
- Woman's Club of Ouray County (Ouray) — \$1,200 for community outreach efforts; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$147,500 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—October 19, 2023— El Pomar Trustees approved \$147,500 allocated to six nonprofit organizations in the San Luis Valley at the Foundation’s August Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Alamosa Bicycle Coalition — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Center for Restorative Programs (Alamosa)
 - \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
 - \$7,500 in general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Center Viking Youth Club — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
- La Puente Home, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$60,000 for building relocation and renovation; competitive
- San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$5,000 for youth mental health programming; regional council
- Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$50,000 for school-based clinician in the Sanford School District; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$173,000 to organizations in the Southeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—October 19, 2023— El Pomar Trustees approved \$173,000 allocated to 19 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Southeast region at the Foundation's August Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Boulder Historical Society, Inc. (Boulder) — \$2,500 for Pueblo Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County (Pueblo) — \$10,000 for the Ray Aguilera Memorial Fund; merit
- Colorado State Fair Foundation (Pueblo) — \$5,000 in general operating support; merit
- Colorado State University - Pueblo Foundation — \$5,000 for the Leading the Legacy program; merit
- Grupo Folklorico de Pueblo, Inc. (Pueblo West) — \$2,500 in general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Latino Chamber Development Corporation, Inc. (Pueblo) — \$2,500 for the Latino Veterans Profiles in Courage Awards; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Child Advocacy Center, Inc. — \$2,500 in general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Children's Chorale — \$3,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Pueblo City-County Library District — \$2,500 for NAACP Unit 4005 – African American Expansion at Rawlings Library; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc. — \$5,000 for Life Services classroom renovation; competitive
- Pueblo Empowerment Community Development Corporation — \$2,500 in general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation — \$2,500 in general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Rape Crisis Services, Inc. — \$2,500 in general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Rocky Mountain S.E.R. Jobs for Progress, Inc. (Denver) — \$2,500 for Pueblo Empowerment Center; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Sangre de Cristo Hospice & Palliative Care (Pueblo) — \$30,000 for building renovations and upgrades; regional council
- Southeast Colorado Creative Partnership Corporation (La Junta) — \$75,000 for Plaza Building interior rehabilitation; competitive
- Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre, Ltd. (Trinidad) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Tri-County Family Care Center, Inc. (Rocky Ford) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation (Kansas City) — \$2,500 for Veterans of Foreign Wars Minnequa Post 3641 in Pueblo; Elevating Leadership Development merit

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The Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) program – formerly Emerging Leaders Development - began in 2001 to help cultivate diverse leadership potential in Southern Colorado. The program convenes leaders of color in Colorado Springs and Pueblo, empowering them to engage in professional development opportunities and take on community leadership roles. ELD provides scholarships to leadership development programs and introduces participants to civic engagement opportunities such as service on nonprofit and statewide boards and commissions.

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- Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) — \$2,500 for the Runway for Rise event; regional merit
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado, Inc. (Durango) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Dancing Spirit, Inc. (Ignacio) — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- Dove's Nest (Dove Creek) — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
- DUST2 (Pagosa Springs) — \$5,200 for a bike fleet; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) — \$2,500 for community health fair and symposium; regional merit
- Hive DGO (Durango) — \$5,000 for life skills support for youth and community members; competitive
- Montezuma County Public Health (Cortez) — \$1,512 for the RISE suicide awareness walk; regional council
- Pagosa Community Initiative (Pagosa Springs) — \$6,750 for scholarships for youth programming; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Silverton Youth Center — \$4,907 for youth summer activity programming; regional council
- Southwest Colorado Mental Health Center, Inc. (Durango) — \$25,000 for the Durango Community Healthcare Campus; competitive
- United Way of Southwest Colorado (Durango) — \$5,000 for Pagosa Outreach Connection; regional merit

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general purpose grant making. The competitive process remains the Foundation’s primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding. Additionally, over the last 85 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a number of other funds, as well as presenting merit grants in each region recommended by Trustees and regional council members. Competitive applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

In an effort to increase impact and establish connections across the entire state, the Regional Partnerships program was established in 2003. Each of the Foundation’s 11 regional councils advises El Pomar Trustees and recommends grants to help support its communities. The Southwest Regional Council recommends grants in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, nonprofit and public sectors and provide first-hand information about current needs in their own communities.

The Karl E. Eitel fund honors the legacy of Karl E. Eitel who served as a Trustee of El Pomar Foundation for 23 years. He was a strong advocate for youth and youth development, and this fund recognizes and supports organizations that serve at-risk youth throughout Colorado.

To view a full listing of El Pomar's funds and grant making areas, please visit our website at <https://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/>

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