



## EL POMAR FOUNDATION

# July 2024 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 August 2024. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's July 2024 Trustee meeting and a collection of grants from the Wildland Fire Fund and Freda Hambrick Fund approved on August 6<sup>th</sup> by the Trustees to support the response to the Alexander Mountain, Currant Creek, Quarry, and Bucktail Fires.

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

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$121,000 to organizations in the Central Peaks region and distributes Wildland Fire Fund grants to agencies in recent firefighting zones**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 28, 2024** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$121,000 allocated to four nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation’s July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- All Access Wellness (Conifer) — \$30,000 for expansion into Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, and Park Counties; regional council
- Cañon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
  - \$10,000 for Arkansas Riverwalk Dog Park; competitive
  - \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Fremont RE-1 School District (Cañon City) — \$10,000 for Hygiene Needs program; regional council
- West Central Mental Health Center, Inc. (Salida)
  - \$60,000 for underinsured and uninsured youth access; regional council
  - \$6,000 for youth advisory council; regional council

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Additionally, on August 6, in response to recent wildfires in Boulder, Delta, Jefferson, Larimer, and Montrose Counties, El Pomar Trustees approved \$75,000 in grants through its Wildland Fire Fund and Freda Hambrick Fund to 11 agencies in these areas. The Wildland Fire Fund assists with immediate emergency needs of volunteer firefighting agencies and first responders, as well as preparedness and equipment replenishment, throughout the state of Colorado. The Freda Hambrick Fund supports organizations providing direct care and medical assistance to animals, including emergency response during natural disasters. The following

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- Northern Colorado Humane Society (Loveland) — \$5,000
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**Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 28, 2024** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$70,000 allocated to five nonprofit organizations and government entities in the High Country region at the Foundation’s July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Early Learning Center, Inc. (Aspen) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Literacy Project (Minturn) — \$5,000 for Raising a Reader program; competitive
- Mountain Tots Preschool (Eagle) — \$25,000 for new building; competitive
- Summit54 (Aspen) — \$5,000 for academic programs for elementary school students; competitive
- Town of Avon — \$25,000 for skatepark and neighborhood plaza; competitive

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$180,000 to organizations in the North region and distributes Wildland Fire Fund grants to agencies in recent firefighting zones**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 28, 2024** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$180,000 allocated to 14 nonprofit organizations in the North region at the Foundation’s July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Be the Gift Incorporated (Loveland) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Care-a-Van SAINT, Inc. (Fort Collins) — \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Center for Family Outreach, Inc. (Fort Collins)
  - \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
  - \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Community Foundation of Northern Colorado (Fort Collins) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional council
- Emergency Family Assistance Association, Inc. (Boulder) — \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Estes Nonprofit Network — \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Greeley Dream Team, Inc. — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley (Longmont) — \$25,000 for Longmont duplex; competitive
- Outreach United Resource Center, Inc. (Longmont) — \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Quarter Project of Northern Colorado (Fort Collins) — \$2,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Soccer Without Borders (Evans) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Sundance Institute (Park City, UT) — \$100,000 for 2027 Sundance Film Festival in Boulder; competitive
- United Way of Larimer County, Inc. (Fort Collins) — \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- United Way of Weld County, Inc. (Greeley) — \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$82,500 to organizations in the Northeast region and distributes Wildland Fire Fund grants to agencies in recent firefighting zones**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 28, 2024** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$82,500 allocated to 10 nonprofit organizations in the Northeast region at the Foundation’s July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- A Pregnancy Resource Center of Northeast Colorado (Brush) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Break the Silence, Inc. (Fort Morgan) — \$20,000 for general operating support; competitive
- College Access Navigators, Inc. (Fort Morgan) — \$7,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Holyoke Community Childcare Initiative — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Logan County Arts League (Sterling) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Logan County Childcare Collaborative (Sterling) — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Rising Up (Fort Morgan) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Sterling Miracle Players — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Wray Community Child Care Center
  - \$25,000 for expansion feasibility study; regional council
  - \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Yuma First Church of the Nazarene — \$2,500 for Kingdom Kids playground; regional merit

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$125,000 to organizations in the Northwest region and distributes Wildland Fire Fund grants to agencies in recent firefighting zones**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 28, 2024** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$125,000 allocated to seven nonprofit organizations in the Northwest region at the Foundation’s July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- BookTrails, Inc. (Steamboat Springs) — \$25,000 for new building; competitive
- Center for Independence, Inc. (Grand Junction) — \$25,000 for new building; competitive
- Confluence Center of Colorado, Inc. (Grand Junction) — \$50,000 for new building; competitive
- Fraser Valley Lacrosse Club (Winter Park) — \$5,000 for general operating support; Hybl Fund
- Mount Sopris Nordic Council, Inc. (Carbondale) — \$10,000 for Spring Gulch Community trail system; competitive
- Riversedge West (Grand Junction) — \$5,000 for river education and stewardship program; competitive
- Symphony in the Valley, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive

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The Bill and Kathy Hybl Fund supports Olympic, Paralympic, and youth sports. Bill Hybl, a lifetime public servant, has long been dedicated to amateur sport. Currently chairman of the United States Olympic Endowment, he believes the ideals of excellence, fair play, and hard work through sport are important for athletes as well as children.

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**Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 28, 2024** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$125,000 allocated to seven nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Juan region at the Foundation’s July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Delta County Fire Protection District #4 — \$10,000 for new equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Gunnison Valley Health Foundation — \$50,000 for new emergency services station; competitive
- Hinsdale County Historical Society (Lake City) — \$10,000 for Narrow Gauge Rail Car #211 roof restoration; competitive
- Montrose Memorial Hospital — \$25,000 for ambulatory care center playground; competitive
- Pinhead Institute, Inc. (Telluride) — \$10,000 for Nucla, Naturita, and Norwood general operating support; competitive
- Valley Youth Orchestra (Delta) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Wee Care in Lake City, Inc. — \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive

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- Alpine Achievers Initiative (Alamosa)
  - \$10,000 for Supporting Health Initiatives for Next-Generation Educators program; regional council
  - \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Center for Restorative Programs (Alamosa)
  - \$3,000 for mental health resilience initiatives in the Alamosa School District and San Luis Valley Boys and Girls Clubs; regional council
  - \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (Denver)
  - \$10,000 for Antonito Together youth mental health programs; regional council
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- Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley (Alamosa)
  - \$5,000 for Cozy Corners program; regional council
  - \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- HadaNou Collective (Denver)
  - \$10,000 for Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center Five Star Riders Car Club; regional council
  - \$1,000 for Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center general operating support; regional council
- High Valley Community Center, Inc. (Del Norte)
  - \$2,000 for pilot walking club for youth in afterschool programs; regional council
  - \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- La Puente Home, Inc. (Alamosa)
  - \$10,000 for PALS Children's program; regional council
  - \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Monte Vista Community Fund, Inc.
  - \$7,500 for Monte Vista Kids Connection afterschool programs; regional council
  - \$1,000 for Monte Vista Kids Connection general operating support; regional council

- Northerners Senior Citizens Association, Inc. (La Jara) — \$4,000 for furniture and equipment; regional council
- San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, Inc. (Alamosa)
  - \$10,000 for Home Instruction for Parents with Preschool Youngsters program supplies; regional council
  - \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Alamosa)
  - \$2,500 for San Luis Valley Foundations Academy play equipment; regional council
  - \$1,000 for San Luis Valley Foundations Academy general operating support; regional council
- Tomorrow's Bread (Monte Vista) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Valley Citizens Foundation for Health Care, Inc. (Del Norte) — \$20,000 for Wellness Center Complex equipment; competitive
- Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (Alamosa)
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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$77,500 to organizations in the Southeast region and distributes Wildland Fire Fund grants to agencies in recent firefighting zones**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 28, 2024** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$77,500 allocated to four nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Southeast region at the Foundation's July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- IN! Colorado Initiative for Inclusive Higher Education (Littleton) — \$5,000 for education and outreach program in Southeast Colorado and the Western Slope; competitive
- Mariposa Center for Safety (Pueblo) — \$50,000 for new HVAC system; competitive
- Mt. Rose Health Center Palliative Care and Hospice, Inc. (Trinidad) — \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Town of Bristol Improvements Board — \$7,500 for veterans memorial; competitive

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Additionally, on August 6, in response to recent wildfires in Boulder, Delta, Jefferson, Larimer, and Montrose Counties, El Pomar Trustees approved \$75,000 in grants through its Wildland Fire Fund and Freda Hambrick Fund to 11 agencies in these areas. The Wildland Fire Fund assists with immediate emergency needs of volunteer firefighting agencies and first responders, as well as preparedness and equipment replenishment, throughout the state of Colorado. The Freda Hambrick Fund supports organizations providing direct care and medical assistance to animals, including emergency response during natural disasters. The following agencies were awarded grants in support of their work in response to the Alexander Mountain, Bucktail, Currant Creek, and Quarry Fires:

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- Ignacio Community Library District — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Music in the Mountains, Inc. (Durango) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Silverton Creative District
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  - \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Town of Rico — \$25,000 for town park and outdoor recreation hub; competitive

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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.

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