



EL POMAR FOUNDATION

September 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 October 2024. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's September 2024 Trustee meeting.

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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.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$87,000 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — October 30, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$87,000 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation’s September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Inc. (Cañon City) — \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Calvary Cañon City — \$2,500 for Bridge Youth Center; regional merit
- CASA of Pueblo — \$2,500 for Heart of Colorado CASA; regional merit
- Florence Architectural and Cultural Traditions — \$25,000 for Rialto Theater renovations; competitive
- Fremont County Office of Emergency Management (Cañon City) — \$7,000 for all-terrain tracks for emergency vehicle; competitive
- Full Circle Restorative Justice (Salida) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Park County School District RE-2 (Fairplay) — \$10,000 for teacher certifications and training for home visits; regional council
- Places to Age (Salida) — \$15,000 for first draft of facility renderings; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$70,000 to organizations in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — October 30, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$70,000 allocated to 12 nonprofit organizations in the High Country region at the Foundation’s September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Advocates of Lake County, Inc. (Leadville) — \$30,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Building Hope Summit County (Frisco) — \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Full Circle of Lake County, Inc. (Leadville) — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- High Five Access Media (Avon) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Lake County Community Fund (Leadville) — \$2,500 for Get Outdoors Leadville general operating support; regional merit
- Mountain Pride (Avon) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Project Support (Idaho Springs) — \$5,000 for facilities remodel; regional merit
- The Buddy Program, Inc. (Aspen) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- The Summit Foundation (Breckenridge) — \$5,000 for Bright Futures Fund; regional merit
- Trio Therapy Partners (Eagle) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- YouthPower365 (Avon) — \$5,000 for middle school soccer and COPA programs; Hybl Fund

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$170,500 to organizations in the North region

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- Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County (Fort Collins) — \$12,500 for general operating support; regional council
- Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art — \$2,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Center for Family Outreach, Inc. (Fort Collins) — \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- ChildSafe Colorado, Inc. (Fort Collins) — \$10,000 for Loveland expansion; competitive
- City of Longmont — \$5,500 for Longmont Youth Center general operating support; regional council
- Emergency Family Assistance Association, Inc. (Boulder) — \$30,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Estes Valley Restorative Justice Partnership, Inc. (Estes Park) — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Family Center - La Familia (Fort Collins) — \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- La Cocina (Fort Collins) — \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Larimer County Partners, Inc. (Fort Collins) — \$20,000 for general operating support; regional council
- North Range Behavioral Health (Greeley) — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Tiny Tim Center, Inc. (Longmont) — \$25,000 for early learning collaborative building; competitive
- United Neighbors Vecinos Unidos (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- United Way of Weld County, Inc. (Greeley) — \$5,000 for PASO Institute; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$25,000 to organizations in the Northwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — October 30, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$25,000 allocated to four nonprofit organizations in the Northwest region at the Foundation’s September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Colorado Extreme Hockey Association (Carbondale) — \$5,000 for general operating support; Hybl Fund
- Foster Alumni Mentors (Grand Junction) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA, Inc. (Steamboat Springs) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Pregnancy Resource Connection, Inc. (Granby) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$302,500 to organizations in the Northeast region

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- Akron Balanced Child Development Center, Inc. — \$25,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Church of the Brethren (Arriba) — \$15,000 for community center capital needs; competitive
- Country Living Learning Center (Hugo) — \$25,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Haxtun Education Foundation, Inc. — \$25,000 for Little Sprouts Learning Center general operating support; regional council
- Karval Fire Protection District — \$20,000 for extrication equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Kit Carson Rural Development — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Limon Child Development Center — \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Logan County Childcare Collaborative (Sterling) — \$25,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Logan County Economic Development Corporation (Sterling) — \$20,000 for Northeast Colorado Return-to-Rural campaign; regional council
- Summit Early Education Learning Center (Wiggins) — \$25,000 for general operating support; regional council
- The Cubs Den (Idalia) — \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Trinity Lutheran Church (Fort Morgan) — \$25,000 for Little Lambs; regional council
- Trinity Lutheran Early Education Center (Sterling) — \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Wray Community Child Care Center — \$25,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Yuma Children's Academy — \$25,000 for general operating support; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$120,000 to organizations in the San Juan region

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- Delta County Fire Protection District #2 (Paonia) — \$5,000 for supply replenishment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Delta County Fire Protection District #3 (Cedaredge) — \$5,000 for Currant Creek Fire supply replenishment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Montrose Community Dinners, Inc. — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Ouray Volunteer Fire Department — \$5,000 for supply replenishment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Ridgway Fire Department — \$5,000 for supply replenishment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Telluride Foundation:
 - \$45,000 for Cimarron Athletic Field at Ridgway Secondary School; competitive
 - \$30,000 for Cimarron Athletic Field at Ridgway Secondary School; Hybl Fund
- Uncompahgre Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Ridgway) — \$10,000 for portable Starlab planetarium; competitive
- UpRoot Colorado (Carbondale) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$96,000 to organizations in the San Luis Valley

Colorado Springs, Colo. — October 30, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$96,000 allocated to six nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Luis Valley at the Foundation’s September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Alamosa County — \$25,000 for medical transportation for veterans; competitive
- Conejos County Library District (La Jara) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Creede Schools Endowment Foundation
 - \$10,000 for Silver Thread Public Health District youth mental health programs; regional council
 - \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- La Puente Home, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$2,500 for Kids Place; Trustee regional merit
- Mineral County (Creede) — \$25,000 for drainage and ground stabilization; competitive
- Monte Vista Community Fund, Inc. — \$30,000 for multi-use community building; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$90,000 to organizations in the Southeast region

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- Arthur Roy Mitchell Memorial, Inc. (Trinidad)
 - \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
 - \$10,000 for restroom renovation; regional council
 - \$30,000 for restroom renovation; competitive
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo, Inc. — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Huerfano Las Animas Area Council of Governments (Trinidad) — \$10,000 for elder center equipment; regional council
- Metro Volunteers (Denver) — \$2,500 for Southern Colorado general operating support; regional merit
- Mt. Carmel Wellness & Community Center (Trinidad) — \$5,000 for food insecurity program; regional merit
- Panadero Ski Corporation (La Veta) — \$10,000 for Cuchara Mountain Park ski lift repairs; regional council
- School District 60 Education Foundation, Inc. (Pueblo) — \$5,000 for teacher grants; regional merit
- Tri-County Family Care Center, Inc. (Rocky Ford) — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$155,204 to organizations in the Southwest region

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- Archuleta County Education Center, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) — \$5,000 for Wings Early Childhood building expansion; regional merit
- Dolores County School District RE-2J (Dove Creek) — \$6,676 for D.C. Excel afterschool program; regional council
- Fundamental Needs, Inc. (Dolores) — \$5,000 for Cortez makerspace; competitive
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) — \$10,000 for youth mental health programming; regional council
- Homes Fund (Durango) — \$20,000 for homebuyer education and housing counseling; competitive
- Hospice of Montezuma (Cortez) — \$10,000 for roof replacement; competitive
- Montezuma County (Cortez) — \$3,793 for RISE Southwest Suicide Prevention Walk; regional council
- Pagosa Community Initiative — \$22,235 for afterschool programming and staff, board, and organizational development; regional council
- Pagosa Springs Arts Council — \$2,500 for Shepherder Bronze Sculpture addition; regional merit
- River Mist, Inc. (Durango) — \$10,000 for childhood education and care; competitive
- Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation (Pagosa Springs) — \$25,000 for library expansion and renovation; competitive
- Silverton San Juan Fire and Rescue Authority — \$20,000 for type 3 wildland fire engine; Wildland Fire Fund
- Southern Colorado Community Action Agency, Inc. (Ignacio) — \$5,000 for Ignacio Youth Services Department; regional merit
- United Way of Southwest Colorado (Durango) — \$10,000 for Team UP for Youth Mental Health program; competitive

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