

# 20 Years of Community-Informed Impact Across Colorado

El Pomar Foundation's place-based grant making program, Regional Partnerships, seeks to proactively address local community needs through grant making informed by community member recommendations. The Foundation launched the program in 2003 to increase its impact and establish deep-rooted connections throughout Colorado. Today, the program convenes community leaders into 11 regional councils that advise the Foundation's Trustees and make grant recommendations to address the greatest issues facing their regions. Now a distinctive cornerstone of El Pomar's grant making, this community-informed approach has dramatically increased the Foundation's number of grants in rural Colorado and its impact around the state.

## 20 Years of Regional Partnerships Grant Making



**230+**

Local leaders who have informed grant making in their communities



**All 64**  
Colorado Counties



**3,228**  
Grants



**\$34.4**  
Million Dollars



**1,105**  
Grantees

### Increased Rural Giving Across the Foundation

The impact of Regional Partnerships on the Foundation goes beyond the grants made through the program. In large thanks to the Regional Partnerships program and the engagement of El Pomar's council members, over the last twenty years the Foundation has also increased its rural grant making through its competitive application process.\*



**124%**  
increase in # of  
rural grant applications  
received

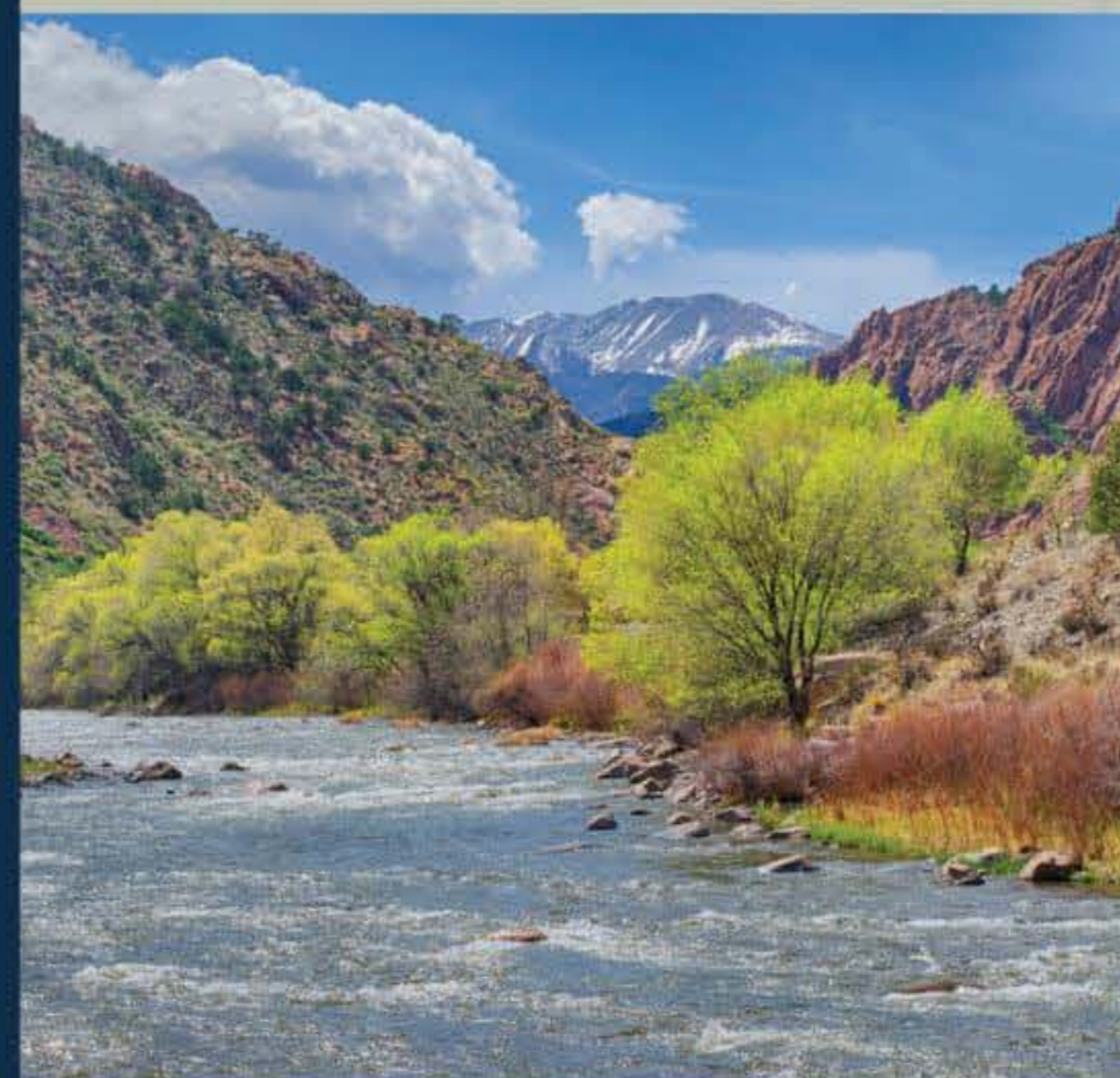


**209%**  
increase in # of  
rural grant applications  
awarded



**86%**  
increase in  
dollars awarded  
to rural Colorado

\* Comparing figures from the 20-year period before (1983-2002) with the 20 year-period since (2003-2023) the launch of Regional Partnerships. El Pomar's definition of "rural" refers to all of its regions except Metro and Pikes Peak.



**Regional Partnerships**  
A Program of El Pomar Foundation



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