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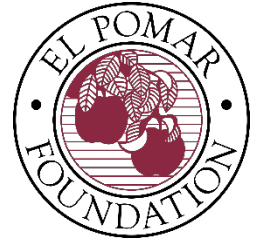
# December 2024 Regional Grant Announcements

The following document is a collection of nine press releases sent by El Pomar Foundation to media outlets in rural regions across Colorado in January 2025. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's December 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](mailto:ehannan@elpomar.org).

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$85,911 to organizations in the Central Peaks region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — January 29, 2025** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$85,911 allocated to seven nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation’s December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Care and Share, Inc. (Colorado Springs) — \$45,911 for food insecurity in Chaffee, Custer, and Fremont Counties; regional council
- Chaffee County Community Foundation (Buena Vista) — \$5,000 for Junior Edison Project launch; regional council
- Crystal Mountain Center for Performing Arts (Westcliffe) — \$5,000 for historic Jones Theatre roof; competitive
- First United Methodist Church of Salida, Colorado — \$5,000 for shower program for the homeless; competitive
- Fremont RE-1 School District (Cañon City) — \$5,000 for anniversary gifts to staff and faculty; regional council
- Friends of Beckwith Ranch, Inc. (Westcliffe) — \$5,000 for chuck wagon purchase; competitive
- South Park Food Bank (Fairplay) — \$15,000 for new building; regional council

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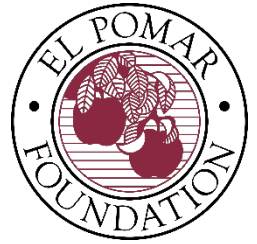
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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$1,560,000 to organizations in the High Country region**

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- Friends of the Summit County Libraries, Inc. (Frisco) — \$10,000 for Summit Daily News digitization project; competitive
- HeadQuarters (Basalt) — \$5,000 for mental health resources; competitive
- Keystone Science School, Inc. — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Roundup River Ranch (Avon) — \$25,000 for capital campaign; competitive
- Trio Therapy Partners (Eagle) — \$10,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Vail Valley Charitable Fund, Inc. (Edwards) — \$5,000 for Eagle County Smiles; competitive
- Vail Valley Foundation, Inc. (Avon) — \$1,500,000 for Empowering Possibility capital campaign; competitive

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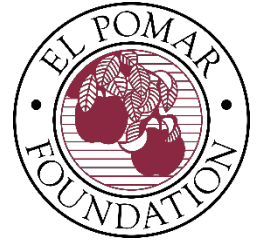
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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$179,500 to organizations in the North region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — January 29, 2025** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$179,500 allocated to 11 nonprofit organizations in the North region at the Foundation's December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Annie and Millie's Place (Longmont) — \$2,500 for direct care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Cor Defense (Loveland) — \$2,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Crawford Child Advocacy Center (Fort Collins) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Denver Rescue Mission — \$50,000 for new Fort Collins facility; competitive
- Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (Estes Park) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Hope at Miracle House (Fort Lupton) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Longmont Friends of Feral and Abandoned Cats — \$5,000 for trap-neuter-return and vaccination program; Hambrick Fund
- Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 for trap-neuter-return and vaccination program; Hambrick Fund
- Outreach United Resource Center, Inc. (Longmont) — \$19,875 for general operating support; regional council
- Project Self-Sufficiency of Loveland-Fort Collins — \$59,625 for general operating support; regional council
- Qualified Listeners Corp. (Dacono) — \$5,000 for transportation program; competitive

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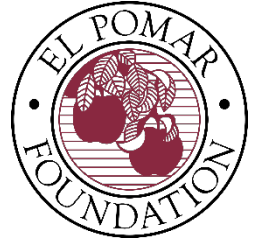
The Freda Hambrick Fund supports nonprofit organizations that prevent cruelty to animals, provide direct care and medical assistance, and offer educational programs for the proper care of and attention to animals within the state of Colorado.

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$25,000 to organization in the Northeast region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — January 29, 2025** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$25,000 allocated to one nonprofit organization in the Northeast region at the Foundation’s December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organization was awarded a grant:

- A Pregnancy Resource Center of Northeast Colorado (Brush) — \$25,000 for building expansion; competitive

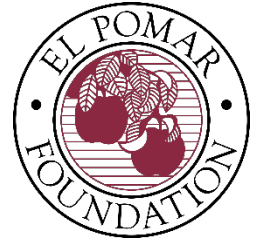
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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$125,000 to organizations in the Northwest region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — January 29, 2025** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$125,000 allocated to five nonprofit organizations in the Northwest region at the Foundation’s December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Community Food Bank (Grand Junction) — \$50,000 for 7th Street Community Café; regional council
- Grand Valley Public Radio Company (Grand Junction) — \$5,000 for capital improvements; competitive
- Habitat for Humanity Grand County (Granby) — \$15,000 for construction of houses; competitive
- Western Colorado Community Foundation, Inc. (Grand Junction) — \$50,000 for Heads Up Parenting Initiative advertisement campaign; regional council
- Western Slope Center for Children (Grand Junction) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive

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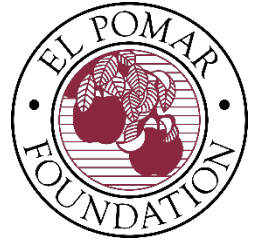
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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$105,000 to organizations in the San Juan region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. — January 29, 2025** — El Pomar Trustees approved \$105,000 allocated to four nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Juan region at the Foundation’s December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Delta County Joint School District 50J — \$35,000 for The Nature Connection indoor classroom space; regional council
- Friends of the Paradise Theatre (Paonia) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Gunnison County — \$35,000 for Gunnison County’s Substance Abuse Prevention Project; regional council
- Ouray County Schools Community Resource Consortium (Ridgway) — \$30,000 for youth programming for Ouray and Ridgway communities; regional council

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$28,500 to organization in the San Luis Valley region**

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- Justice and Heritage Academy (Antonito) — \$28,500 for part-time counselor; regional council

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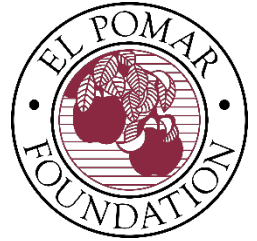
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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$162,500 to organizations in the Southeast region**

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- Bent County Community Center (Las Animas) — \$15,000 for staffing and general operations for all youth programs; regional council
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County — \$10,000 for social-emotional well-being programs; regional council
- CASA of Pueblo — \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo, Inc. — \$15,000 for Empowered Pathways for Youth program; regional council
- DreamSpring (Albuquerque, N.M.) — \$7,500 for Southern Colorado DreamGreen program; competitive
- Friends of Lamar Hope Center, Inc. — \$5,000 for Thunder Buddy mentoring program; regional council
- Habitat for Humanity of Pueblo — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Hope and Home (Colorado Springs) — \$10,000 for Pueblo programming; regional council
- La Raza Services, Inc. (Denver) — \$15,000 for Southeast Colorado youth mental health and resiliency programs; regional council
- Las Animas Helping Hands — \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- North La Junta Sanitation District — \$10,000 for vehicle-mounted mosquito sprayer; regional council
- Trinidad Area Health Association — \$20,000 for wheelchair van; regional council
- Youth Club of Trinidad, Inc. — \$15,000 for P.O.W.E.R. program; regional council

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- Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado (Durango) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- La Plata Family Centers Coalition (Durango) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- La Plata Youth Services, Inc. (Durango) — \$15,000 for Youth Diversion Program; competitive
- Mancos United — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Manna-The Durango Soup Kitchen — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Parker’s Animal Rescue (Durango) — \$7,500 for foster program expansion; Hambrick Fund
- Silverton School District — \$7,500 for town shelter generator replacement; regional council
- Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance (Cortez) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Spring Creek Horse Rescue (Durango) — \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Volunteers of America, Inc. (Denver) — \$10,000 for Durango Community Shelter; competitive

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