

El Pomar Foundation Pikes Peak Community Development (PPCD) Initiative

Purpose

Build on El Pomar Foundation's active and visible role creating opportunities through proactive philanthropy and innovative partnerships with a broad representation of leaders from civic and community-based organizations that serve the southeast area of El Paso County

Rationale/Intent

The PPCD initiative is designed to continue the lessons learned from over 20 years experience developing and operating El Pomar's Community Stewardship programs and outreach efforts that effectively assist in identifying local issues of concern and direct funding and resources.

The best practices of El Pomar Foundation's Emerging Leaders Development program and Regional Partnerships provide a targeted strategy to engage the Foundation on issues related to effective grant-making and addressing the shared concerns of the organization and community.

Mission

Develop a comprehensive set of grant making, technical assistance and capacity building activities to address shared concerns and quality of life issues in the southeast area of El Paso County

Goals and Objectives

Develop a partnership with a group of community civic leaders and experts that can provide resources and information to assist in identifying community-based organizations and existing programs that can develop new ways of doing things and solve common problems

- Identify/deliver insights, trends, useful tools and approaches to support organizations and community leadership development*
- Identify issues and take direction from experts operating and leading organizations/ programs at the grassroots level*
- Facilitate community development and capacity-building in southeast El Paso County*
- Use El Pomar and community resources more effectively*

Action Plan

Convene, organize and assist an Advisory Group of civic-minded professionals that can provide expertise, resources, information and strategies to assist in identifying and addressing issues they feel are important

- *Organize and facilitate a PPCD Advisory Group that focuses on identifying and addressing issues that impact the quality-of-life in southeast El Paso County*
- *Assist the PPCD Advisory Group to prioritize and address issues with a variety of resources*

Provide \$181,500 grant dollars to address issues that impact the quality of life in southeast El Paso County

- *\$50,000 grant each year over three year (\$150,000 total)*
- *\$10,500 Advisory Council members “Merit Grant” each year over three years; \$1,500 awarded by each member to a nonprofit organization of his/her choice (\$31,500 total)*

Provide grant dollars and technical assistance to community-based/nonprofit organizations that have programs and outreach activities that support:

- *ethnic minorities, issues and strategies that positively impact grassroots minority-led organizations, low-income and underserved populations*
- *military youth & families*

The initiative will bring together a variety of resources, including El Pomar staff support, to facilitate the process and address issues through technical assistance and capacity-building activities.

2009 PPCD Advisory Group

1. **B. J. Scott** – President, Peak Vista Community Health Centers- Full Service Clinic in Fountain, Colorado-Outreach to School District #8
2. **Annette King** – Executive Director, Southeast YMCA/Outreach to Military Youth and Families –“Armed Services YMCA”
3. **Pastor James H. McMearn** – President, Black Pastors Union
4. **Cheryl Walker** – Superintendent, Fountain-Ft Carson/ District #8
5. **Steve McCoy** – Deputy Garrison Commander, Ft. Carson
6. **Dr. Luis Velez** - ELD Program Hispanic Advisory Council Representative / VP of Education, Colorado Technical University
7. **James Sullivan** – CEO, Boys and Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region/Child-Daycare and After-school Programs for Ft. Carson