2016 Foundation Giving in Colorado

A snapshot of giving and regional differences among foundations in Colorado

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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to present the 2016 Foundation Giving in Colorado report. Our first report was published in 2008, with each subsequent year including more data. Much of the improvement in the last three years is because of our partnership with the Community Resource Center (CRC) to provide current and quality data. We will be releasing a supplement to this report later in 2017 to include additional regional funders for a more comprehensive overview of the size and scope of foundation giving throughout Colorado.

Our initial intent in compiling this funders data was to provide information to our Regional Councils to guide decision making and identify existing programs and services. We now include information that focuses on patterns in foundation giving across the state and distribute the report more widely. While foundation giving continues to increase, there are large disparities between regions and counties. For example, between 2011 and 2015, the Metro Region received in total over $570 million from eleven of the top foundations in Colorado. In contrast, the Central Peaks Region received less than $8 million, the lowest amount of grant dollars since 2011 in any region. This continues to hold true, even when looking at per capita disparities in dollars granted. The average grant dollars received annually from 2011 to 2015 per capita in Denver County was $119.03, while Elbert County received an annual average of $1.58 per capita during that same timeframe.

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Sincerely,

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction
Colorado is home to over 5 million people. Of those 5 million, 4.33 million (86%) live in urban areas and 696,000 (14%) live in rural communities (2010 Census). El Pomar Foundation was established in 1937 to enhance, encourage, and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado. In 2003, El Pomar Foundation created its Regional Partnerships program to increase the Foundation’s impact and connections in the rural areas of Colorado. To do this, the Foundation established 11 Regional Councils representing all 64 Colorado counties. Over 70 community leaders make up these Councils; they advise El Pomar’s Trustees and recommend grants, which help impact the greatest needs in their home communities.

In 2013, with the support of the Boettcher Foundation and El Pomar Foundation, the Community Resource Center (CRC) piloted a project to digitally map the financial impact of grants from Rural Philanthropy Day’s (RPD) core funders in Colorado’s Western Slope and Northwest Regions. Since that time, El Pomar Foundation has expanded the use of the data from CRC to track grant funding across El Pomar Foundation’s 11 regions. A full list of the 11 regions is found on page 10 of this report.

In researching this report, we sought to answer the question: “Where in Colorado are the highest and lowest concentrations of philanthropic activity?”

This report shows regional breakdowns illustrating the total and per capita giving for the years 2011 through 2015 in Colorado. It also shows total giving and per capita giving for just 2015. It is outside the scope of this report to provide interpretations of the data. This report is designed to raise awareness among nonprofit organizations, foundation staff, individual donors, and the public sector.

Key Findings
1. Total grant dollars received between 2011 and 2015 from 11 of Colorado’s top funders:
   • In total, the Metro Region received $570.57 million from 2011 to 2015. This was the most funding received by any region during that timeframe.
   • In total, the Central Peaks Region received less than $7.17 million from 2011 to 2015. This was the lowest amount of grant dollars received by any region during that timeframe.

2. Total grant dollars received per capita:
   Regions receiving the most funding annually per capita between 2011 and 2015 were:
   • San Luis Valley; $41.94 per capita
   • Metro; $35.67 per capita
   Regions receiving the least funding per capita on average between 2011 and 2015 were:
   • North; $11.34 per capita
   • Central Peaks; $15.08 per capita

3. Underserved Counties
   Counties receiving, on average, less than $10 per capita annually from 11 of Colorado’s top foundations between 2011 and 2015 were:
   • Elbert; $1.58 per capita, Metro Region
   • Douglas; $1.72 per capita, Metro Region
   • Adams; $5.46 per capita, Metro Region
Methodology and Data Limitations
As Community Resource Center (CRC) had historically collected grant making information about Colorado’s rural counties, most of the data was available through their annual collection process. In 2015, to expand the data collection to encompass the entire state, top Colorado funders were asked to self-report the details of their grant making activities in the Front Range from 2009 to 2014, as defined by CRC’s program regions. These counties include: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld Counties. To complete rural data collection, CRC also asked for grant making data from 2009 to 2014 for Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties. CRC completed their data collection by also requesting 2014 grant making data for Elbert County.

In July of 2016, Community Resource Center and El Pomar Foundation sent funder request forms to top Colorado funders with the goal of gathering 2015 grant data and expanding the 2015 report. Funders who responded and shared their 2015 grant information were: A.V. Hunter Trust, Adolph Coors Foundation, Anschutz Family Foundation, Boettcher Foundation, Buell Foundation, Caring for Colorado Foundation, Daniels Fund, El Pomar Foundation, Gates Family Foundation, The Colorado Health Foundation, and The Colorado Trust. These 11 foundations had previously provided 2009 through 2014 grant information. In addition to these foundations, CRC also requested information from other foundations across the state. Of those asked, CRC received 2015 grant information from Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, Chambers Family Fund, Community First Foundation, Cydney and Tom Marsico Family Foundation, Energy Outreach Colorado, Monfort Family Foundation, Pikes Peak Community Foundation, Piton Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, The Denver Foundation, and The Summit Foundation. These foundations were not asked to provide grant information from previous years.

The preferred data set for grant making activities included:
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- Grant Amount (paid out)
- Grant Type (Capital, General Operating, Program)
- Grant Recipient Location (City, County)
- Funding Areas
- Date Awarded (Month, Year)

Once data was received from respondents for all 64 Colorado counties, staff sorted the data to correspond with El Pomar’s 11 funding regions.

Data was then charted to determine:
- Grant dollars per region and county
- Grant amounts per region and county
- Funding trends from 2011 to 2015
- Per capita funding trends from 2011 to 2015 (with population data collected from U.S. Census Bureau)
- Funding trends for 2015
- Per capita funding trends for 2015
- Funding areas
INTRODUCTION

Colorado is home to more than 5 million people. Of those 5 million, 4.33 million live in urban areas and 696,000 live in rural communities (2010 Census). When Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar Foundation in 1937, they recognized the important role that nonprofits, foundations, and philanthropic giving play in the State of Colorado, and they tasked the Trustees with enhancing the lives of all Coloradans. El Pomar’s Regional Partnerships program began as a way to better understand the assets and needs found throughout the state. El Pomar Foundation furthers the mission dictated by the Penrose family through its grant making, programs, and historical properties.

In 2013, with the support of the Boettcher Foundation and El Pomar Foundation, Community Resource Center (CRC) piloted a project to digitally map the financial impact of grant donations from Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) core funders in Colorado’s Western Slope and Northwest Regions. Rural Philanthropy Days is a statewide program that brings skill-building, collaborative, and funding opportunities to nonprofits and community organizations through annual regional conferences. Since 2013, El Pomar Foundation has expanded the use of the data from CRC to track grant funding across El Pomar Foundation’s 11 regions. A full list of the 11 regions is found on page 10 of this report.

Due to increased demand for relevant, statewide data, El Pomar partnered with Community Resource Center once again in August 2015 to fill in the remainder of the map to include grants made to nonprofits working in Colorado’s Front Range communities. With the addition of these 14 Front Range counties, CRC now collects grant-making data from all 64 Colorado counties. In 2016, El Pomar partnered with CRC yet again to request 2015 grant data for all 64 Colorado counties.

This data will allow individuals, nonprofits, and foundations alike to identify areas for increased outreach, education, and opportunities to come together to leverage impact. In researching this report, we sought to answer the question: “Where in Colorado are the highest and lowest concentrations of philanthropic activity?”

The foundations included in this report represent a variety of top funders in Colorado based on 2015 giving self-reported by each foundation. Foundations not shown in this report either chose not to participate or did not respond to requests to share grant data. This report, broken down by region and county, illustrates the total giving in Colorado and per capita giving. It was outside the scope of this report to provide interpretations of the data. This report is designed for those interested in Colorado philanthropy, including nonprofit organizations, foundation staff, individual donors, and the public sector.
The report provides a summary of giving for 11 of Colorado’s top foundations from 2011 to 2015 supplemented by 2015 giving information for an additional 11 foundations. As of fall 2016, 2015 data was the most recent funding information available from these foundations. The 2011 through 2014 data utilized in this report was gathered in late July 2015 when Community Resource Center (CRC) and El Pomar sent funder request forms to large Colorado funders. These funders included: A.V. Hunter Trust, Adolph Coors Foundation, Anschutz Family Foundation, Boettcher Foundation, Buell Foundation, Caring for Colorado Foundation, Daniels Fund, El Pomar Foundation, Gates Family Foundation, The Colorado Health Foundation, and The Colorado Trust.

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It is important to comment on the limitations of this particular data set. While capturing the impact of the largest foundations in Colorado, it does not include information from all private and community foundations that provide funding in Colorado, nor does it capture every grant awarded by the included foundations, most notably scholarship dollars. Furthermore, the information is voluntarily self-reported by each foundation, with no external verification of the numbers has occurred.
**Definitions**

**Private Foundation** - A nongovernmental, nonprofit organization with funds (usually from a single source, such as an individual, family, or corporation) and programs managed by trustees or directors. Private foundations are established to maintain or aid social, educational, faith-based, or other charitable activities serving the common welfare, primarily through the making of grants.  
(Source: Foundation Center)

**Community Foundation** - A 501(c)(3) organization that makes grants for charitable purposes in a specific community or region. The funds available to a community foundation are usually derived from many donors and held in an endowment that is independently administered; income earned by the endowment is then used to make grants. Although a community foundation may be classified by the IRS as a private foundation, most are public charities and are thus eligible for maximum tax-deductible contributions from the general public. (Source: Foundation Center)

**Grant Dollars Given (per capita)** - Dollars awarded as grants by private or community foundations to nonprofits located within a specific county or region. “Grants dollars given” is also referred to in this report as “grants given” or “grants awarded.” Grant Dollars Given per Capita are the grant dollars awarded divided by the total population of that county or region. The total population in 2010 was defined by the U.S. Census, and the population for 2011-2015 uses the U.S. Census Bureau’s estimates based on the 2010 census.

**Rural** - Encompasses all population, housing, and territory not included within an urban area.

**Total Foundation Giving** - The total amount of dollars awarded as grants by a foundation in a specific timeframe. This figure could include grants awarded outside of Colorado. It does not, for the purpose of this report, include scholarship dollars.

**Urban** - An area comprised of a densely settled core of census tracts and/or census blocks that meet minimum population density requirements. Urbanized areas have 50,000 or more people.
In 2003, El Pomar Foundation established the Regional Partnerships program to increase its impact and establish deep-rooted connections throughout the entire state. The Regional Partnerships are comprised of community leaders who form Regional Councils representing all 64 counties in Colorado. These Councils advise El Pomar’s Trustees and recommend grants, which impact the greatest needs in their home communities. In 2016, each of the 11 Councils were allotted $200,000 to recommend in grants for their region.

These regions were used for the regional analysis in this report.

The 64 counties in Colorado have been grouped for regional analysis as follows:

- **Central Peaks (4):** Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, & Park
- **High Country (5):** Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake, Pitkin, & Summit
- **Metro (7):** Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, & Jefferson
- **Southeast (9):** Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, & Pueblo
- **Pikes Peak (2):** El Paso & Teller
- **North (3):** Boulder, Larimer, & Weld
- **Northeast (9):** Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, & Yuma
- **Northwest (8):** Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Routt, & Rio Blanco
- **San Juan (6):** Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, San Miguel, & Ouray
- **San Luis Valley (6):** Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, & Saguache
- **Southwest (5):** Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, & San Juan
Overview of Giving in Colorado

From 2011-2015, 11 of the top foundations in Colorado gave a combined total of $607.6 million dollars. These foundations were clustered around the Denver Metro area.

Top 11 Funders by Total Grant Dollars Given 2011 - 2015*

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Locations of the Top 11 Funders

*Does not include scholarships grant dollars
## Overview of Giving in Colorado by County

**County Rankings**
From 2011 to 2015, Denver County accounted for nearly $455 million in total foundation giving by 11 of the largest Colorado foundations. Counties that received the least amount of total grant dollars were located primarily in the southern rural areas of the state. Total giving was consistently highest in the regions with the highest population concentrations. These tables list counties with the highest and lowest grant dollars received in total and per capita from 11 of the top foundations in Colorado. Please note, all per capita data is given as yearly averages.

### Top 10 Counties by Total Grant Dollars Received 2011-2015

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### Bottom 10 Counties by Total Grant Dollars Received 2011-2015

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### Top 10 Counties by Average Annual per Capita Grant Dollars Received 2011-2015

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2011-2015 Giving

A historical presentation of foundation giving from 2011-2015 by region, county, and per capita
From 2011 to 2015, two counties received over $50 million from 11 of the largest foundations in Colorado. Both are along the Front Range and are densely populated. Denver County received over $100 million. The counties with the lowest grant dollars received over the past five years tend to be located in the southern regions of the state. These counties tend to be rural, less populated areas dominated by agriculture. Gilpin and Elbert Counties are the noticeable outliers, as they are located near more urban areas and have larger populations, but still received less than $500,000 between 2011 and 2015.

Counties receiving less than $500,000 were Baca, Cheyenne, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Elbert, Gilpin, Hinsdale, Kiowa, Mineral, Ouray, Rio Blanco, San Juan, and Sedgwick.

Counties receiving more than $50 million were El Paso and Denver.
From 2011 to 2015, the Metro Region received over $100 million from 11 of the largest foundations in Colorado. The Metro Region includes Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, and Jefferson Counties. The Central Peaks and San Luis Valley Regions both received less than $15 million during that same time period. Included in these regions are rural, less populated areas without large, urban centers.

The regions receiving less than $10 million were Central Peaks and San Luis Valley.

*To see a complete list of counties in each region, refer to pg. 10.*
2011-2015 AVERAGE GRANT DOLLARS RECEIVED ANNUALLY PER CAPITA BY COUNTY

Over the past five years, three counties received, on average, over $100.00 annually in grant dollars per capita. Denver, Douglas, and Lincoln Counties saw the highest levels of average giving per capita. Elbert and Douglas Counties, which saw the lowest levels of average giving per capita, are located in or near Metro Denver. Denver County averaged the highest average per capita grant dollars received annually at $119.03, while Elbert received the least at an average of $1.58 per capita.

Counties that received less than $10 per capita annually were Elbert and Douglas.

Counties that received more than $100 per capita annually were Denver, Lincoln, and San Miguel.
Over the past five years, one region received, on average, over $40.00 per capita annually from 11 of the largest foundations in Colorado. The San Luis Valley Region received the most grant dollars per capita on average at $41.94, while the North Region received the fewest grant dollars per capita on average at $11.34.

Regions receiving less than $20 per capita on average annually were Central Peaks and North.

The region receiving more than $40 per capita on average annually was San Luis Valley.

*To see a complete list of counties in each region, refer to pg. 10.
2015 Giving

A snapshot of foundation giving in 2015 by region, county, and per capita
2015 Giving Overview

Data from 2015 utilized in this report was gathered in July 2016 when Community Resource Center (CRC) and El Pomar Foundation sent funder request forms to large Colorado funders that they requested information from in 2015, as well as additional Colorado funders. In addition to the foundations whose data is used in the 2011-2015 portion of this report, CRC also requested and received information from other foundations across the state of Colorado. Eleven additional foundations sent back their 2015 grant making information. Those additional foundations were Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, Chambers Family Fund, Community First Foundation, Cydney and Tom Marsico Family Foundation, Energy Outreach Colorado, Monfort Family Foundation, Pikes Peak Community Foundation, Piton Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, The Denver Foundation, and the Summit Foundation.

Because only 2015 data was requested, this portion of the report does not include historical grant making data, but instead focuses on grant making from 2015 as a snapshot in time.

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Total Giving Reported by 22 of the Top Foundations by Category

- Energy Outreach Colorado (9.9M)
- The Colorado Trust (8.7M)
- Caring for Colorado Foundation (6.5M)
- The Denver Foundation (5.5M)
- Rose Community Foundation (11.3M)
- Buell Foundation (10M)
- The Summit Foundation (1.6M)
- Bonfils-Stanton Foundation (3.3M)
- A.V. Hunter Trust (2.2M)
- Monfort Family Foundation (2.1M)
- Chambers Family Fund (1.4M)
- Pikes Peak Community Foundation (3.8M)
- Anschutz Family Foundation (2.6M)
- Community First Foundation (43.7M)
- Daniels Fund (27.4M)
- El Pomar Foundation (16.6M)
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In 2015, five counties received over $10 million from 22 of the largest foundations in Colorado. Four are along the Front Range and are densely populated. The 16 counties with the lowest grant dollars received in 2015 tend to be located in the rural areas of Colorado, primarily the southern and eastern regions of the state. Hinsdale and Jackson Counties did not receive funding in 2015 from the participating foundations.

Counties receiving less than $100,000 were Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Dolores, Elbert, Hinsdale, Jackson, Lincoln, Ouray, Phillips, San Juan, and Washington.

Denver County received more than $100 million.
In 2015, Metro Denver received the most grant dollars in total from 22 of the top foundations in Colorado. It was followed by the North and Pikes Peak Regions. These three regions encompass the majority of the Front Range. The regions which received the lowest total grant dollars in 2015 were the Central Peaks, Northeast, and San Luis Valley.

Regions receiving less than $3 million were Central Peaks, Northeast and San Luis Valley.

The Metro Region received more than $100 million.

*To see a complete list of counties in each region, refer to pg. 10.*
2015 Total Grant Dollars Received per Capita by County

In 2015, Denver and Kiowa Counties received over $100 per capita. Hinsdale and Jackson Counties did not receive grant dollars from 22 of the top Foundations in Colorado. Kiowa County received the most per capita at $130.37. Hinsdale and Jackson received the least at $0.

Counties receiving less than $5 per capita were Broomfield, Conejos, Douglas, Elbert, Hinsdale, Jackson, Larimer, Ouray, and Weld.

Counties receiving more than $100 per capita were Denver and Kiowa.

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In 2015, the Metro, San Luis Valley, and Southwest Regions received over $30.00 per capita in grants from 22 of the top foundations in Colorado. The North Region received the least amount with $7.86 per capita in 2015, and the Metro Region received the most grant dollars per capita with a total for the year of $34.70 per capita.

The North Region received less than $10 per capita.

Regions receiving more than $30 per capita were Metro, San Luis Valley, and Southwest.

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Key Findings and Conclusions

With additional resources and special thanks to the report contributors
**Key Findings and Conclusions**

**Regional Rankings:** The Metro Region received over $570.57 million from 2011 to 2015. In contrast, the Central Peaks Region received $7.17 million during this timeframe, the lowest of any region in Colorado. The San Luis Valley Region had the highest average grant dollars per capita with an average of $41.94 each year from 2011 to 2015. The Metro, Southwest, San Juan, and Northeast Regions also ranked near the top in average yearly per capita funding. Several regions were significantly below the others. The regions receiving on average the fewest average per capita dollars were North and Central Peaks receiving on average each year $11.34 and $15.08, respectively.

In 2015, similar trends were seen in the grant making activities of 22 of the largest foundations in Colorado. Metro Region received the most at over $171 million in 2015, and Central Peaks Region received the least with over $1.6 million.

**Underserved Areas:** Counties receiving less than $10 per capita on average in annual foundation giving were: Adams, Clear Creek, Conejos, Costilla, Douglas, Elbert, Fremont, Gilpin, Morgan, and Weld. This represents 16% of all Colorado counties. To put average dollar per capita giving into perspective, Denver County received $119.03 on average per capita versus the $1.58 on average in Elbert County. Though Denver County encompasses a large population, when looking at the per capita funding, Denver is still in the top five counties for average per capita funding received annually along with Lincoln and San Miguel Counties.

In 2015, Kiowa and Denver Counties received over $100 per capita from 22 of the largest foundations in Colorado. Neither Jackson nor Hinsdale Counties received grant dollars from the 22 foundations in 2015.

The San Luis Valley Region received on average the most funding per capita from 11 of the largest foundations from 2011-2015 at $41.94 per capita. The North Region received an average of $11.34 per capita from 2011 to 2015. This was the fewest average grant dollars received per capita by region.

In 2015, the Metro Region received the most funding per capita from 22 of the largest foundations at $34.70 per capita. The North region again received the least at $7.86 per capita.

**Concluding Thoughts:** El Pomar Foundation collaborated with Community Resource Center to collect grant data from the 22 foundations listed in this report. El Pomar independently created this report to inform grant seekers, grant makers, and others interested in philanthropy about regional and county funding trends in the state of Colorado. It is our hope that this report will serve as a tool to create awareness and to further the mission of Spencer and Julie Penrose by helping to make Colorado a better place to live for all residents of the state.
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