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El Pomar Foundation approves $48,500 to nonprofits in the Central Peaks Region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—October 22, 2019—El Pomar Trustees approved $48,500 allocated to 13 nonprofit organizations in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation’s August and September Trustees meetings. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Alliance Against Domestic Abuse—$2,500 for general operating support; trustee regional merit
- American Red Cross of Southeastern Colorado—$2,500 for the Armed Forces Program in Chaffee, Custer and Fremont; trustee regional merit
- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Inc.—$5,000 for a youth mentoring program; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Inc.—$7,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Cañon Literacy Center, Inc.—$2,500 for general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- CASA of Pueblo—$2,500 for the Heart of Colorado CASA, 11th Judicial District; regional merit
- Florence Senior Community Center—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County—$2,500 for general operating support; trustee regional merit
- Rotary Club of Cañon City Charitable Foundation—$2,500 in general operating support; Award For Leadership and Service nominee-directed grant
- Senior Services Solutions Plus—$2,500 for general operating support; competitive
- South Park Food Bank—$5,000 for a new facility remodel; regional merit
- Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments—$3,500 for the Fremont County Head Start parenting class; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- West Custer County Hospital District—$2,500 for technological upgrades; regional merit
- Wetmore Community Library—$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit

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El Pomar Foundation approves $105,000 to nonprofits in the High Country Region

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- A Way Out, Inc.—$5,000 for support for drug and alcohol treatment; competitive
- A Way Out, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Aspen Community Foundation—$2,500 in program support; Award for Leadership and Service nominee-directed grant
- Aspen Hope Center—$25,000 for the crisis stabilization program; Trustees Council grant
- Aspen Youth Center —$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Clear Creek County—$5,000 for the primary care clinic; regional merit
- Clear Creek County—$2,000 for the Clear Creek Communities That Care aka Mountain Youth; trustee regional merit
- Eagle County Historical Society, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Eagle River Youth Coalition, Inc.—$3,000 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- Habitat for Humanity Vail Valley—$25,000 for an affordable housing project; competitive
- Lake County Community Fund—$2,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- Literacy Project—$2,500 for the Early Literacy Program; competitive
- Music Association of Aspen, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Summit County Family Resource Center—$2,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- Summit County Family Resource Center—$8,500 for the Colorado High Country sustainability effort; regional merit
- Summit County School District RE-1—$2,500 for the Summit High School Welding Program; regional merit
- The Buddy Program, Inc.—$2,500 for a mentor program; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Vail Valley Foundation—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Valley Settlement—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit

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El Pomar Foundation approves $134,000 to nonprofits in the North Region

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- A Kid’s Place, Inc. — $2,500 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- A Woman’s Place, Inc. — $5,000 for support for domestic abuse victims; competitive
- Attention, Inc. — $5,000 for youth homeless programs; competitive
- Be the Gift Incorporated — $2,500 for home repair assistance; competitive
- Boulder Community Housing Corporation, Inc. — $4,000 for the Esperanza Scholars learning program; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Bridge House — $25,000 for a program in Aurora; Trustees Council grant
- Center for Family Outreach, Inc. — $5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Coal Creek Meals on Wheels — $5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Colorado Youth for a Change — $5,000 for the Northern Colorado reading program; competitive
- Homeward Alliance, Inc. — $5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- HOPE—Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement — $5,000 for the overnight homeless services center; competitive
- House of Neighborly Service — $2,500 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- Meals on Wheels for Fort Collins, Colorado, Inc. — $7,500 in general operating support; competitive and Award for Leadership and Service nominee-directed grant
- Meals on Wheels of Boulder, Inc. — $10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- North Range Behavioral Health — $5,000 for school-based services; regional council
- Pulliam Community Building Foundation — $15,000 for the community building renovation; competitive
- Second Wind Fund of Boulder County — $5,000 in general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center — $2,500 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- SummitStone Health Partners — $10,000 for data collection and analysis efforts; regional council
- The Colorado Youth Outdoors Charitable Trust — $5,000 for outreach and partner programming; trustee regional merit
- Weld Food Bank — $2,500 in general operating support; trustee regional merit

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- Baby Bear Hugs—$25,000 in general operating support; Award for Leadership and Service recipient-directed grant
- Church of the Brethren—$15,000 for community center renovations; competitive
- Early Childhood Council—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Grand Foundation—$2,500 for program support for distance learning; regional merit
- Kids at Their Best, Inc.—$5,000 in general operating support; Karl E Eitel Fund
- Kit Carson Rural Development—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Prairie View Health Resources, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Regional Home Visitation Program—$5,000 in general operating support; Karl E Eitel Fund
- Rural Communities Resource Center—$5,000 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- Yuma Children’s Academy—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves $160,000 to nonprofits in the Northwest Region

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- American Rivers—$4,000 for work in Routt and Garfield counties; regional merit
- Ascendigo Autism Services, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Colorado—$7,500 for the healthy minds and bodies programs; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Colorado—$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- Carbondale Community Access Radio—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Clifton Fire Protection District—$7,500 for Wildland firefighting equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- EUREKA! McConnell Science Museum—$25,000 for a new facility; competitive
- Family Visitor Program of Garfield County—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Friends of the Yampa, Inc.—$1,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, Inc.—$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- HomewardBound of the Grand Valley, Inc.—$25,000 for a new family shelter; competitive
- Housing Resources of Western Colorado—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Lift Up of Routt County—$2,000 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- Mountain Family Center—$15,000 for building renovations; competitive
- Mountain Valley Developmental Services, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- River Center of New Castle, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Riverside Educational Center—$3,000 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- Roaring Fork Friends of the Theater, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Sozo Youth Sanctuary Foundation—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- United Way of Mesa County—$2,500 in general operating support; Award for Leadership and Service nominee-directed grant
- Valley Settlement—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Western Slope Center For Children—$7,500 in general operating support; competitive
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- Young Tracks, Inc.—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
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El Pomar Foundation approves $101,500 to nonprofits in the San Juan Region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—October 22, 2019—El Pomar Trustees approved $101,500 allocated to 12 nonprofit organizations in the San Juan region at the Foundation’s August and September Trustees meetings. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, Inc.—$5,000 for out of school programs; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- CASA of the 7th Judicial District, Inc.—$4,000 for prevention and intervention services; Karl E. Eitel
- CASA of the 7th Judicial District, Inc.—$5,000 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- Community Options—$2,500 in general operating support; Award for Leadership and Service nominee-directed grant
- Delta County Memorial Hospital Foundation—$5,000 for a scholarship program; regional merit
- Friends of the Ridgway Library—$25,000 for the Ridgway Library expansion; competitive
- Hinsdale County Historical Society—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- LCMC Endowment Fund, Inc.—$2,500 for the computer mental health tele-health service; regional merit
- Maslow Academy of Applied Learning, Inc.—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Montrose Recreation District—$25,000 for a park renovation project; competitive
- Project Hope of Gunnison Valley—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Sharing Ministries, Inc.—$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- The 7th Judicial District Child Advocacy Center—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves $50,000 to nonprofits in the San Luis Valley Region

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- Alpine Achievers Initiative—$10,000 in general operating support; regional merit; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Boys & Girls Club of the San Luis Valley, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- Creede Historical Society, Inc.—$5,000 for a building restoration project; competitive
- Equal Representation of Media Advocacy Corporation—$5,000 for a new transmitter; competitive
- High Valley Community Center, Inc.—$5,000 in general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- Little Treasures Early Childhood Center, Inc.—$10,000 for playground renovation; competitive
- San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society—$2,500 in general operating support; trustee regional merit
- San Luis Valley Health Foundation—$2,500 in general operating support; Award for leadership and Service nominee-directed grant
- Tiny Hands Daycare Center, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Upper Rio Grande Animal Society—$5,000 in general operating support; trustee regional merit

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El Pomar Foundation adds two Council members and approves $223,960 to nonprofits in the Southeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — November 4, 2019 — El Pomar Foundation’s Southeast Regional Council recently added two new members: Leroy Garcia, President of the Colorado State Senate, and Kim MacDonnell, County Commissioner for Bent County. The Southeast Regional Council recommends grants in Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers and Pueblo Counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, nonprofit, and public sectors who provide first-hand information about current needs in their own communities.

Senator Garcia has served in the State Senate since 2015 and previously served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 2013 to 2015 and as a member of Pueblo City Council. Senator Garcia grew up in Pueblo and served in the United States Marine Corps for seven years, deploying to Iraq. He obtained a degree in emergency medical services from Pueblo Community College, a bachelor's degree in management from University of Phoenix and a master’s degree in organizational management from Ashford University. Senator Garcia teaches emergency medical services at Pueblo Community College and is a paramedic with American Medical Response in Pueblo.

MacDonnell is serving her first term as Bent County Commissioner after previously serving as Director of the Bent County Development Foundation. A fifth generation Bent County resident, MacDonnell grew up in Las Animas and has served in many community capacities, including two terms on the Board of the Las Animas School District and a term on the Las Animas Urban Renewal Board. She has significant experience working on various economic and community development projects, including the repurposing of campus of the Fort Lyon Veterans Affairs Hospital, which closed in 2001.

“El Pomar Foundation is proud to support the communities of southeast Colorado through grant making and the Regional Partnerships program. The Southeast Regional Council welcomes Leroy and Kim, who each bring valuable insight as the Council continues to identify and recommend funding for pressing community needs,” said Bill Hybl, Chairman of El Pomar Foundation’s Board of Trustees and Trustee serving on the Southeast Regional Council.

At the Foundation’s August and September Trustees meetings, El Pomar Trustees approved $223,960 allocated to 23 nonprofit organizations in the Southeast region. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Baca County—$25,000 for Baca County Fairgrounds renovation; competitive
- Bent County —$20,000 in general operating support for the Early Learning Center; competitive
- Bent County Community Center —$4,000 in general operating support; regional merit
Bent County Las Animas Community Activity Center, Inc.—$4,000 in general operating support; Karl E. Eitel Fund

Bessemer Historical Society, Inc.—$1,500 in general operating support; trustee regional merit

CASA of Pueblo —$1,000 for Arkansas Valley CASA; regional merit

Center for American Values, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; merit

Church of the Ascension & Holy Trinity —$5,000 for Ascension Preschool Academy; competitive

City of La Junta—$8,000 for a business workshop; regional council

City of Pueblo—$25,000 for the Gateway to the Southwest art project; competitive

Colorado State University - Pueblo Foundation —$5,000 in general operating support; merit

Koshare Museum—$2,500 in general operating support; Award for Leadership and Service nominee-directed grant

Mount Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center —$4,460 for the summer youth program; regional council

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Pueblo Community College Foundation —$2,500 to support training programs; regional merit

Pueblo Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc.—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

Pueblo Poverty Foundation —$3,000 in general operating support; merit

Pueblo Zoological Society —$5,000 in general operating support; merit; regional merit

Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center, Inc.—$1,500 in general operating support; trustee regional merit

Sangre de Cristo Hospice & Palliative Care —$5,000 in general operating support; merit

School District 60 Education Foundation, Inc. —$5,000 for the Bessemer school playground; merit

Southeast Colorado Creative Partnership Corporation —$25,000 for Plaza Block structural stabilization; competitive

Teach for America, Inc. — $45,000 for support for Colorado Springs and Pueblo operations; competitive

The Colorado State Fair Foundation —$2,000 in general operating support; trustee regional merit

United Way of Pueblo County Colorado Inc.—$7,000 in general operating support; merit

William J. Palmer Parks Foundation, Inc. —$5,000 for southeast and rural Colorado conservation; merit

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El Pomar Foundation approves $231,500 to nonprofits in the Southwest Region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—October 22, 2019—El Pomar Trustees approved $231,500 allocated to 17 nonprofit organizations in the Southwest region at the Foundation’s August and September Trustees meetings. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- 4 The Children—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Archuleta County—$50,000 for the Stepping Stones program; regional council
- Cancer Resource Alliance—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Community Radio Project—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Cortez Addictions Recovery Services, Inc.—$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Durango Education Center—$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit
- Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center—$2,500 in general operating support; Award for Leadership and Service nominee-directed grant
- Know Your Dough—$1,500 for youth financial literacy; competitive
- La Plata County Youth Services—$50,000 for the mental and behavioral health program; regional council
- La Plata Family Centers Coalition—$5,000 for the Parents as Teachers program; competitive
- Onward! A Legacy Foundation—$2,500 in general operating support for school Community Youth Collaborative; Karl E. Eitel Fund
- San Juan Board of Cooperative Education Services—$35,000 for suicide awareness and prevention programs; regional council
- San Juan Historical Society, Inc.—$5,000 for building expansion and improvements; trustee regional merit
- Silverton School District—$5,000 for the Silverton Stream program; regional merit
- The Piñon Project—$50,000 for the mental and behavioral health program; regional council
- Trails 2000, Inc.—$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Women’s Resource Center in Durango—$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general purpose grant making. The competitive process remains the Foundation’s primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding. Additionally, over the last 80 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a number of other funds. Competitive applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

In an effort to increase impact and establish connections across the entire state, the Regional Partnerships program was established in 2003. Each of the Foundation’s eleven regional councils advises El Pomar
Trustees and recommends grants to help support its communities. The Southwest Regional Council recommends grants in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, nonprofit, and public sectors and provide first-hand information about current needs in their own communities.

The Karl E. Eitel fund honors the legacy of Karl E. Eitel who served as a Trustee of El Pomar Foundation for 23 years. He was a strong advocate for youth and youth development, and this fund recognizes supports organizations that serve at-risk youth throughout Colorado.

The Award for Leadership and Service recognizes one council-nominated individual from each of the eleven regions who demonstrates an extraordinary level of commitment to his or her community. From the eleven nominees, a committee selects the award recipient who directs a $25,000 grant toward the organization of his or her choosing, while the other ten nominees direct $2,500 grants to an organization of their choosing.

To view a full listing of El Pomar’s funds and grant making areas, please visit our website at www.elpomar.org/grant-making/el-pomar-funds/

*El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately $22 million annually through grants and Community Stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities, and civic and community initiatives. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937.*

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