

EL POMAR FOUNDATION

December 2022 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 2023. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's December 2022 Trustee meeting.

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For more information about El Pomar's grant making, please [visit our website](#) or contact Erin Hannan, Vice President of Communications, with specific questions about these announcements at ehannan@elpomar.org.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$73,000 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—January 19, 2023—El Pomar Trustees approved \$73,000 allocated to five 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:

- Custer County Search and Rescue, Inc. (Westcliffe) — \$5,000 for emergency response vehicle equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Far View Horse Rescue (Fairplay) — \$3,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Southern Park Country Fire Protection District (Guffey) — \$7,500 for wildland firefighting equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Summit Habitat for Humanity (Silverthorne) — \$50,000 for Park County workforce housing; regional council (\$25,000), competitive (\$25,000)
- Wet Mountain Fire Protection District (Westcliffe) — \$7,500 for wildland firefighting equipment; Wildland Fire Fund

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$33,500 to organizations in the High Country region

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- Aspen Youth Center — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Bravo Colorado at Vail – Beaver Creek — \$6,000 for the Music Makers Haciendo Música Program; competitive
- Project Support (Idaho Springs) — \$10,000 for restoration of the senior center; competitive
- Red, White and Blue Fire Protection District (Breckenridge) — \$7,500 for new radios and chainsaw; Wildland Fire Fund
- Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District (Frisco) — \$5,000 for new radios; Wildland Fire Fund

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$55,000 to organizations in the North region

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- Boulder Emergency Squad — \$7,500 for mobile radios; Wildland Fire Fund
- Happiness Through Horses (Fort Lupton) — \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Meals on Wheels for Fort Collins, Colorado, Inc. — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Meals on Wheels of Boulder, Inc. — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Medicine Horse Program (Boulder) — \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Back Fund
- Outreach United Resource Center, Inc. (Longmont) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Street Dog Coalition (Fort Collins) — \$2,500 for veterinary street clinics in Colorado; Hambrick Fund
- Windsor Severance Fire Protection District — \$10,000 for personal protective equipment; Wildland Fire Fund

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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 \$45,000 to organizations in the Northeast region

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- Break the Silence, Inc. (Fort Morgan) — \$15,000 for Morgan County outreach; regional council
- Kit Carson Rural Development — \$15,000 for affordable housing installation; regional council
- Logan County (Sterling) — \$5,000 for the TravelStorys project; regional council
- S.A.R.A., Inc. (Fort Morgan) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Sedgwick County Economic Development Corporation (Julesburg) — \$5,000 for the Golden Plains BEST robotics team; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$57,500 to organizations in the Northwest region

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- Colorado River Fire Protection District (Rifle) — \$10,000 for new radios; Wildland Fire Fund
- Eagles Nest Early Learning Center (Black Hawk) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Northwest Colorado Community Health Partnership (Steamboat Springs) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Partners in Routt County (Steamboat Springs) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Rangely Food Bank, Inc. — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Roaring Fork Recovery Support Center (Carbondale) — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Roundup River Ranch (Avon) — \$2,500 for participants from the Northwest Region; regional merit
- Steamboat Training Adaptive Recreational Sports — \$2,500 for direct care of equines in equine therapy program; Sally Beck Fund
- Yampa River Botanic Park Society (Steamboat Springs) — \$10,000 for accessibility improvements; competitive
- Yampa Valley Performing Arts Council (Steamboat Springs) — \$10,000 for the Strawberry Park Amphitheater; competitive

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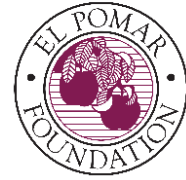
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$278,500 to organizations in the San Juan region

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- Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, Inc. (Montrose) — \$25,000 for new building and renovations; competitive
- Blue Sage Center (Paonia) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Bright Futures (Telluride) — \$150,000 for pyramid coaching and training system expansion; regional council
- Delta County Public Library Trust and Endowment, Inc. (Hotchkiss) — \$25,000 for new library entrepreneur and maker center; competitive
- Dream Catcher Therapy Center, Inc. (Olathe) — \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Friends of the Ouray Public Library, Inc. — \$5,000 for youth mental health programming; regional council
- Montrose County Senior Citizens Transportation, Inc. — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Montrose Recreation District — \$25,000 for Flex Rec facility; competitive
- Pinion Ridge Ranch, Inc. (Montrose) — \$1,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Project Hope of Gunnison Valley — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- The Learning Council (Paonia) — \$20,000 for kitchen remodel and upgrades; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$183,000 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

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- Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$18,000 for bathroom and kitchen remodel; regional council
- Colorado Professional Golfers Association Foundation, Inc. (Larkspur) — \$50,000 for PGA REACH Colorado Golf in schools; competitive
- GripTape, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$15,000 in general operating support; competitive
- High Valley Community Center, Inc. (Del Norte) — \$2,500 for sports programs; Hybl Fund
- Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center (Colorado Springs) — \$60,000 in San Luis Valley general operating support; competitive
- Rio Grande Child Development Center & Family Services (Del Norte) — \$20,000 for facility renovations; competitive
- San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$15,000 for co-pay program; regional council
- Woman’s Citizenship Club of Alamosa — \$2,500 for “Into Thin Air” monument; competitive

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The William J. Hybl Fund supports Olympic, Paralympic and youth sports. Bill Hybl, a lifetime public servant, has long been dedicated to amateur sport. Currently chairman of the United State Olympic Endowment, he believes the ideals of excellence, fair play and hard work are important for athletes as well as children.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$152,500 to organizations in the Southeast region

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- Blue Rose Ranch, Inc. (Springfield) — \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Church of the Ascension & Holy Trinity (Pueblo) — \$8,000 for community laundry and shower program; regional council
- Las Animas – Bent County Library District — \$7,500 for accessible library circulation desk; competitive
- Learning Source (Lakewood) — \$45,000 for Pueblo English language acquisition program; regional council (\$30,000), competitive (\$15,000)
- Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness & Community Center (Trinidad) — \$20,000 for food box program; regional council
- Prairie Pines (Eads) — \$5,000 for facility renovation; competitive
- Pueblo Rescue Mission — \$30,000 in general operating support; competitive
- West Park Fire Protection District (Pueblo) — \$4,500 for new wildland hoses; Wildland Fire Fund
- William J. Palmer Parks Foundation, Inc. (Colorado Springs) — \$25,000 for Bessemer farmland conservation project; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$40,000 to organizations in the Southwest region

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- Bridge Emergency Shelter (Cortez) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Dolores County (Dove Creek) — \$10,000 in Dolores County Senior Services general operating support; competitive
- Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Protection District (Hesperus) — \$10,000 for personal protective equipment and tools; Wildland Fire Fund
- Medicine Horse center – Therapeutic Riding & Equine Rehabilitation (Mancos) — \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Mesa Verde Foundation (Arvada) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Montezuma Land Conservancy (Cortez) — \$5,000 in general operating; competitive

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