



EL POMAR FOUNDATION
December 2020 Colorado Assistance Fund
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 December 2020. The press releases highlight Colorado Assistance Fund grants approved since March 2020.

After entering its third phase in December 2020, the fund has now reached \$3.1 million since its activation in March to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities across the state in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is the sixth time El Pomar Foundation has dedicated a Colorado Assistance Fund. The five previous funds were established during and in the immediate aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis and distributed more than \$5 million between 2008 and 2012.

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El Pomar Foundation distributes an additional \$175,000 in COVID-19 aid to 14 nonprofits in central Colorado in second and third phases of its Colorado Assistance Fund

Colorado Springs, Colo.—December 11, 2020—Since March, 16 organizations in central Colorado have received grants from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). Now entering into its third phase, the fund was activated in March 2020 to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate healthcare for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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In May 2020, with the original \$1 million disbursed, El Pomar Trustees approved another \$1.1 million for a second phase of the CAF. Each of El Pomar’s 11 regional councils recommended strategies for the allocation of \$100,000 in their multi-county regions of Colorado. The focus of these CAF Phase II dollars was to encourage and support the eventual return of healthy, functioning communities across Colorado as they emerge from the COVID-19 crisis. In CAF Phase II, five organizations in central Colorado received grants totaling \$100,000:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Chaffee County - \$20,000 - General operating support
- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Inc - \$20,000 - General operating support
- Boys and Girls Club of South Park, Inc. - \$10,000 - General operating support
- City of Cañon City - \$30,000 - Small business grants
- Valley Assisted Living, Inc. - \$20,000 - General operating support

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Nine organizations in central Colorado are receiving grants totaling \$75,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on December 8, 2020:

- Chaffee County – Salida - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- Custer County Community Sharing Center – Westcliffe - \$7,500 – Food assistance
- Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County – Cañon City - \$25,000 – Food assistance
- Manna House of Fremont County – Cañon City - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Meals on Wheels of Cañon City - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Park County RE2 School District - Fairplay - \$5,000 – Food assistance for students
- Park County Senior Coalition – Fairplay - \$5,000 – Food assistance for seniors
- South Park Food Bank – Fairplay - \$5,000 – Food Assistance
- Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments – Cañon City - \$10,000 – Food assistance

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Colorado Springs, Colo.—December 11, 2020—Since March, 21 organizations in the High Country region have received grants from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). Now entering into its third phase, the fund was activated in March 2020 to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate healthcare for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- Building Hope Summit County - \$20,000 – Scholarship Fund
- Clear Creek County - \$20,000 – Collaborative Care Clinic capital fund
- Eagle Valley Family Assistance Fund - \$20,000 – COVID-19 housing assistance program
- Full Circle of Lake County, Inc. - \$20,000 – Family resource center
- Voces Unidas de Las Montañas - \$20,000 – General operating support

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Nine organizations in the High Country region are receiving grants totaling \$75,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on December 8, 2020:

- Aspen School District No. 1 – Aspen - \$10,000 – Food assistance through Aspen Family Connections
- Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition – Idaho Springs - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Eagle Valley Community Foundation – Eagle - \$7,500 – Food assistance
- Life Inter Faith Team on Unemployment and Poverty – Rifle/Aspen - \$5,000 – Food assistance through Aspen Food Pantry
- Pitkin County – Aspen - \$5,000 – Food assistance through the Senior Services Meals on Wheels program
- Salvation Army- Vail Valley – Edwards - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- St. George Episcopal Church – Leadville - \$15,000 – Food assistance
- Summit County Family Resource Center – Silverthorne - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- Summit County Senior Citizens, Inc. – Frisco - \$7,500 – Food assistance for seniors

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El Pomar Foundation distributes an additional \$190,000 in COVID-19 aid to 10 nonprofits in northern Colorado in second and third phases of its Colorado Assistance Fund

Colorado Springs, Colo.—December 11, 2020—Since March, 23 organizations in northern Colorado have received grants from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). Now entering into its third phase, the fund was activated in March 2020 to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate healthcare for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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10 organizations in northern Colorado are receiving grants totaling \$90,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on December 8, 2020:

- Community Food Share – Louisville - \$20,000 – Food assistance
- Food Bank for Larimer County – Loveland - \$20,000 – Food assistance

- Homeward Alliance, Inc. – Fort Collins - \$5,000 – Food assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Meals on Wheels for Fort Collins, Colorado, Inc. – \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Loveland and Berthoud - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- North 40 Mountain Alliance, Inc. – Red Feather Lakes - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- North Range Behavioral Health – Greeley - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Senior Resource Services – Greeley - \$5,000 – Food assistance for seniors in need
- United Way of Weld County – Greeley - \$5,000 – Food assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Weld Food Bank – Greeley - \$20,000 – Food assistance

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El Pomar Foundation distributes an additional \$175,000 in COVID-19 aid to 12 nonprofits in northeastern Colorado in second and third phases of its Colorado Assistance Fund

Colorado Springs, Colo.—December 11, 2020—Since March, 13 organizations in northeastern Colorado have received grants from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). Now entering into its third phase, the fund was activated in March 2020 to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate healthcare for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- Logan County - \$60,000 – Support for the Logan County Childcare Collaborative
- Morgan County Family Center, Inc. - \$40,000 – Program support for Morgan County Partnership for Children & Families

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10 organizations in northeastern Colorado are receiving grants totaling \$75,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on December 8, 2020:

- Cooperating Ministry of Logan County – Sterling - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- Family Resource Center – Sterling - \$15,000 – Food assistance
- Julesburg Christian Church - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Morgan Community College Foundation – Fort Morgan - \$10,000 – Food assistance for students
- Ovid Methodist Church - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Prairie Family Center – Burlington - \$7,500 – Food assistance
- Revere School District – Ovid - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Rising Up – Fort Morgan - \$7,500 – Food assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Rural Communities Resource Center – Yuma - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- Wray Area Foundation, Inc. - \$7,500 – Food assistance

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El Pomar Foundation distributes an additional \$185,000 in COVID-19 aid to 14 nonprofits in northwestern Colorado in second and third phases of its Colorado Assistance Fund

Colorado Springs, Colo.—December 11, 2020—Since March, 17 organizations in northwestern Colorado have received grants from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). Now entering into its third phase, the fund was activated in March 2020 to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate healthcare for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- City of Craig - \$67,000 – Economic Development Coordinator
- Life Inter-Faith Team on Unemployment and Poverty - \$10,000 – COVID-19 relief support in Garfield County
- Valley Settlement - \$23,000 – COVID-19 relief support in Garfield County

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12 organizations in northwestern Colorado are receiving grants totaling \$85,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on December 8, 2020:

- Colorado Mountain College Foundation, Inc. – Glenwood Springs - \$10,000 – Food assistance for students
- Community Clinics at Memorial Regional Health – Craig - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Community Food Bank – Grand Junction - \$15,000 – Food assistance
- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach – Grand Junction - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- Hope of the Grand Valley – Fruita - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Inter Faith Food Bank, Inc. – Craig - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Life Inter- Faith Team on Unemployment and Poverty – Rifle – \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Lift Up of Routt County – Steamboat Springs - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- Love INC of the Yampa Valley – Craig - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Mountain Family Center – Granby - \$7,500 – Food assistance
- Rangely Food Bank, Inc. – Rangely - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- St. Mary’s Hospital and Medical Center, Inc. – Grand Junction - \$5,000 – Food assistance for seniors and those in need

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El Pomar Foundation distributes an additional \$175,000 in COVID-19 aid to 23 nonprofits in the San Juan region in second and third phases of its Colorado Assistance Fund

Colorado Springs, Colo.—December 11, 2020—Since March, 33 organizations in the San Juan region have received grants from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). Now entering into its third phase, the fund was activated in March 2020 to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate healthcare for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- Bright Futures - \$60,000 – Childcare scholarship program
- Delta County School District 50J - \$5,500 – Supplies and professional development trainings
- Gunnison Watershed School District RE-1J - \$3,250 – Supplies and professional development trainings
- Hinsdale County School District No RE-1 - \$1,000 – Supplies and professional development trainings
- Midwestern Colorado Mental Health Center, Inc. – \$15,000 – Blood pressure monitors and carts for intake facilities
- Montrose County School District RE-1J - \$7,500 – Supplies and professional development trainings
- Norwood School District R-2J – \$1,000 – Supplies and professional development trainings
- Ouray School District No. R-1 - \$2,000 – Supplies and professional development trainings
- Ridgway School District No. R-2 - \$1,250 – Supplies and professional development trainings

- Telluride School District No. R-1 - \$2,250 – Supplies and professional development trainings
- West End Public Schools RE-1 - \$1,250 – Supplies and professional development trainings

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13 organizations in the San Juan region are receiving grants totaling \$75,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on December 8, 2020:

- All American Families – Delta - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Delta Food Pantry, Inc. - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Delta Homeless Ministries, Inc. - \$5,000 – Food assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Gunnison County Food Pantry - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- Gunnison Watershed School District RE 1J - \$5,000 – Food assistance for students in need
- Lamborn Foundation – Paonia - \$2,500 – Food assistance for seniors in need
- Montrose County Senior Citizens Transportation, Inc. - \$5,000 – Food assistance for seniors in need
- Montrose Rotary Club Youth Foundation, Inc. – \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Ouray County Food Pantry – Ridgway - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Ouray County Schools Community Resource Consortium – Ridgway - \$2,500 – Food assistance for students in need
- Ouray Public Library - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Project Hope of Gunnison Valley - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Sharing Ministries, Inc. – Montrose - \$25,000 – Food assistance

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- Adams State University - \$50,000 – Youth mental health programs
- Monte Vista Community Fund, Inc. - \$50,000 – Ski-Hi Park complex

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11 organizations in the San Luis Valley are receiving grants totaling \$75,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on December 8, 2020:

- Adams State University – Alamosa - \$8,000 – Food assistance for students in need
- Alamosa School District RE-11J - \$7,500 – Food assistance for students in need
- Alamosa Senior Citizens - \$7,500 – Food assistance for seniors
- Creede Community Church - \$2,500 – Food assistance for those in need through the Ladies Aid Society
- La Puente – Alamosa - \$15,000 – Food assistance
- Northerners Senior Citizens Association, Inc. – La Jara - \$7,500 – Food assistance for seniors in need
- Saguache County Social Services - \$2,000 - Food assistance
- San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center – Alamosa - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- Silver Thread Public Health – Creede - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- South Central Colorado Seniors – Alamosa - \$7,500 – Food assistance for seniors in need
- Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley – Alamosa - \$2,500 – Food assistance for veterans in need

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El Pomar Foundation distributes an additional \$185,000 in COVID-19 aid to 16 nonprofits in southeastern Colorado in second and third phases of its Colorado Assistance Fund

Colorado Springs, Colo.—December 11, 2020—Since March, 22 organizations in southeastern Colorado have received grants from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). Now entering into its third phase, the fund was activated in March 2020 to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate healthcare for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[The initial \\$1 million CAF funding](#) was established by the Foundation’s Trustees on March 9, within a week of Colorado’s first confirmed case of COVID-19, and supported 175 unique organizations in 48 counties of Colorado with grant amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Grants supported a range of emergency services such as food banks, rent and utility assistance, and medical supplies. Organizations for this initial deployment of funding, CAF Phase I, were nominated for funding by public health departments or members of El Pomar Foundation’s regional councils. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Colorado, regional council members have been in regular contact with El Pomar staff and Trustees to provide first-hand insight regarding their communities’ most critical and emergent needs. In CAF Phase I, 17 organizations in the Southeast region (Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers and Pueblo Counties) [received grants totaling \\$93,000.](#)

In May 2020, with the original \$1 million disbursed, El Pomar Trustees approved another \$1.1 million for a second phase of the CAF. Each of El Pomar’s 11 regional councils recommended strategies for the allocation of \$100,000 in their multi-county regions of Colorado. The focus of these CAF Phase II dollars was to encourage and support the eventual return of healthy, functioning communities across Colorado as they emerge from the COVID-19 crisis. In CAF Phase II, four organizations in the Southeast region received grants totaling \$100,000:

- Huerfano Las Animas Area Council of Governments - \$20,000 – Walk in refrigerator and general operating support
- Las Animas School District RE-1 - \$25,000 – Program support for the Bent County Early Learning Center
- Mount Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center - \$25,000 – General operating support
- Posada - \$30,000 – Tenant-based rental assistance program

Now in December 2020, with the continued surge of COVID-19 infections, El Pomar has activated a third phase of its CAF, to grant an additional \$1 million statewide. CAF Phase III is distributing funds across Colorado in support of nonprofits, counties and communities that are experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases and increased public health restrictions resulting in financial hardship. One of the most pressing

needs continues to be food assistance throughout the state of Colorado, so the focus of this third phase of funding is food insecurity and support for organizations that provide food assistance to those in need.

14 organizations in the Southeast region are receiving grants totaling \$85,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on December 8, 2020:

- 5 Loaves Pantry – McClave – \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Pueblo, Inc. - \$7,500 – Food assistance
- City of Pueblo – \$7,500 – Food assistance through the Pueblo Food Project
- Huerfano School District RE-1 – Walsenburg - \$2,500 – Food assistance for students
- La Junta Associated Charities - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Las Animas Helping Hands – Las Animas - \$7,500 – Food assistance
- Mount Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center – Trinidad - \$7,500 – Food assistance
- Posada – Pueblo - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Pueblo Cooperative Care Center - \$10,000 – Food assistance
- Pueblo Rescue Mission - \$10,000 – Food assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Pueblo School District 60 - \$2,500 – Food assistance for students in need
- Pueblo School District 70 - \$2,500 – Food assistance for students in need
- Senior Resource Development Agency Pueblo - \$10,000 – Food assistance for seniors
- Young Women’s Christian Association of Pueblo - \$5,000 – Food assistance

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El Pomar Foundation distributes an additional \$175,000 in COVID-19 aid to 22 nonprofits in southwestern Colorado in second and third phases of its Colorado Assistance Fund

Colorado Springs, Colo.—December 11, 2020—Since March, 26 organizations in southwestern Colorado have received grants from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). Now entering into its third phase, the fund was activated in March 2020 to provide immediate aid to nonprofit organizations and government entities meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate healthcare for individuals and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- Archuleta County School District 50JT - \$10,000 – Teacher pay and technology support
- Boys & Girls Club of La Plata County, Inc. - \$7,500 – Program support related to COVID-19
- Dolores School District RE4A - \$5,000 – Internet accessibility, student supervision and the effort to supplement classes and teacher salaries
- Dove Creek Care and Share Food Pantry, Inc. - \$5,000 – Food distribution related to COVID-19
- Durango Discovery Museum - \$10,000 – The Powerhouse Science Center
- Mancos School District RE-6 - \$5,000 – Internet hot spots on school buses
- Manna - The Durango Soup Kitchen - \$7,500 – Lunches and backpacks for students at Fort Lewis College
- Montezuma - Cortez School District RE-1 - \$7,500 – Remote learning and daycare
- Pagosa Peak Open School – \$10,000 - Academic remediation due to COVID-19

- Reaching Out to Community and Kids - \$10,000 – Emergency Services related to COVID-19
- Silverton School District - \$5,000 – Community response staff member
- Silverton School District - \$10,000 – Technology support for students and teachers
- The Piñon Project - \$5,000 – Support for residents of Montezuma and Dolores Counties through Montelores Emergency Assistance Coalition
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe - \$2,500 – Internet access for remote learning needs and teacher stipends

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14 organizations in the Southwest region are receiving grants totaling \$75,000 through CAF Phase III. Grant checks were mailed on December 8, 2020:

- Archuleta Seniors, Inc. – Pagosa Springs - \$5,000 – Food assistance for seniors
- Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado – Durango - \$2,500 – Food assistance through Pine River Shares in Bayfield
- Community United Methodist Church – Pagosa Springs - \$7,500 – Food assistance through five food pantry partners
- Dancing Spirit, Inc. – Ignacio - \$5,000 – Food assistance for those in need in the Southern Ute Tribe through 4 Corners Mutual Aid Network
- Dove Creek Care and Share Food Pantry - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Fort Lewis College Foundation – Durango - \$5,000 – Food assistance for students in need
- Keystone Center – Towaoc - \$5,000 – Food assistance for those in need in the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- La Plata Family Centers Coalition – Durango - \$2,500 – Food assistance
- Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County – Pagosa Springs - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Manna- The Durango Soup Kitchen - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Reaching out to Community and Kids – Dove Creek - \$5,000 – Food assistance
- Silverton School District – \$5,000 – Food assistance for students in need
- The Good Samaritan Center – Cortez - \$12,500 – Food assistance through 4 Corners Mutual Aid Network
- The Piñon Project – Cortez - \$5,000 – Food assistance

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