



EL POMAR FOUNDATION

March 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 March 2022. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's March 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 \$15,000 to nonprofits in the North region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 21, 2022— Grant funding of \$15,000 will support the work of nonprofits in the North region. El Pomar Trustees approved \$15,000 allocated to three nonprofit organizations in the North region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Engaged Latino Parents Advancing Student Outcomes (Erie) — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Leanna’s Closet (Greeley) — \$2,500 for boutique improvements; competitive
- Community Food Share, Inc. (Louisville) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$25,000 to nonprofits in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 21, 2022— Grant funding of \$25,000 will support the work of a nonprofit in the High Country region. El Pomar Trustees approved \$25,000 allocated to one nonprofit organization in the High Country region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organization was awarded a grant:

- Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation, Inc. (Leadville) — \$25,000 for exterior rehabilitation; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$30,000 to nonprofits in the Southwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 21, 2022— Grant funding of \$30,000 will support the work of nonprofits in the Southwest region. El Pomar Trustees approved \$30,000 allocated to six nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Southwest region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- In the Weeds (Bayfield) — \$5,000 for restaurant worker support programs; competitive
- Durango Film Institute — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Conservation Legacy (Durango) — \$5,000 for corps worker mental health support; competitive
- Seeds of Learning (Pagosa Springs) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (Dolores) — \$2,500 for The Community Voice program, Youth Voice; competitive
- Silverton School District— \$5,000 for summer and outdoor programming; regional merit

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$39,500 to nonprofits in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 21, 2022— Grant funding of \$39,500 will support the work of nonprofits in the Central Peaks region. El Pomar Trustees approved \$39,500 allocated to three nonprofit organizations in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Alliance Against Domestic Abuse (Salida) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Fire Adapted Bailey — \$2,500 for volunteer fire mitigation training; Wildland Fire Fund
- Defy Gravity (Silver Cliff) — \$27,000 for after-school activities and van purchase; regional council

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The Wildland Fire Fund assists with immediate emergency needs of volunteer firefighting agencies and first responders throughout the state of Colorado.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$85,000 to nonprofits in the Southeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 21, 2022— Grant funding of \$85,000 will support the work of nonprofits in the Southeast region. El Pomar Trustees approved \$85,000 allocated to two nonprofit organizations in the Southeast region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Colorado State University - Pueblo Foundation — \$45,000 for School of Creativity and Practice; competitive
- Mount Carmel Wellness and Community Center (Trinidad) — \$40,000 in general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$87,000 to nonprofits in the Northeast region

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- S.H.A.R.E., Inc. (Fort Morgan) — \$5,000 in domestic violence support; competitive
- Holyoke Community Childcare Initiative — \$82,000 for new childcare facility playground; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$98,500 to nonprofits in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 21, 2022— Grant funding of \$98,500 will support the work of nonprofits in the San Juan region. El Pomar Trustees approved \$98,500 allocated to seven nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Juan region at the Foundation's March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Gunnison Country Food Pantry (Gunnison) — \$15,000 for building expansion; competitive
- Little Sprouts Community Preschool (Cedaredge) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- The Ouray Mountain Rescue Team, Inc. (Ouray) — \$5,000 for building upgrades; competitive
- Mountain Roots Food Project (Gunnison) — \$5,000 for community food security program; competitive
- Gunnison County (Gunnison) — \$25,000 for behavioral health workforce development; regional council
- Friends of the Ouray Public Library (Ouray) — \$3,500 for youth mental health programming; regional council
- CASA of the Seventh Judicial District, Inc. (Montrose) — \$30,000 for supportive housing project in Montrose; regional council
- Gunnison County (Gunnison) — \$10,000 for behavioral health needs assessment; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$477,450 to nonprofits in the Northwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 21, 2022— Grant funding of \$477,450 will support the work of nonprofits in the Northwest region. El Pomar Trustees approved \$477,450 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations in the Northwest region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Alpine Legal Service, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Project 1.27 (Aurora) — \$5,000 for mental health support program in Grand Junction; competitive
- Ascendigo Autism Services, Inc. (Carbondale) — \$5,000 for adult vocational program; competitive
- Belvidere Foundation (Central City) — \$35,000 for Belvidere Theater Phase 1 rehabilitation; competitive
- Habitat for Humanity International in the Roaring Fork Valley (Glenwood Springs) — \$50,000 for the Wapiti Commons affordable housing development; competitive
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Mesa County (Grand Junction) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Riverside Educational Center (Grand Junction) — \$250,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Keystone Center (Keystone) — \$124,950 for funding database for community projects; competitive, regional council

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