

EL POMAR FOUNDATION

June 2020 Colorado Assistance Fund Announcements

The following document is a collection of 11 press releases sent by El Pomar Foundation to media outlets across Colorado in June 2020. The press releases highlight Colorado Assistance Fund grants approved at El Pomar's March 2020 Trustee meeting.

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.

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 distributes \$65,000 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in central Colorado

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 4, 2020—Since March, nine organizations in central Colorado received grants totaling \$65,000 from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund. The \$1 million fund was established by the Foundation’s Trustees on March 9, within a week of Colorado’s first confirmed case of COVID-19 and provided 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 following organizations in the Central Peaks region (Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Park Counties) received grants:

- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Inc.—\$5,000 for childcare for health care workers at St. Thomas More Hospital
- Boys and Girls Club of South Park, Inc.—\$7,500 for needs related to COVID-19
- Chaffee County—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19
- Fremont County—\$5,000 for Department of Human Service needs related to COVID-19
- Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County—\$10,000 for needs related to COVID-19
- Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County—\$2,500 for gas vouchers
- Park County RE2 School District—\$2,500 for lunches and food needs related to COVID-19
- Park County Senior Coalition—\$2,500 for food distribution and rent and utility assistance for seniors impacted by COVID-19
- Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments—\$20,000 for needs related to COVID-19
- West Central Mental Health Center, Inc.—\$5,000 for medical and mental health needs related to COVID-19

The \$1 million fund 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.

“We are grateful for the nonprofit organizations and their staffs who have selflessly stepped up to support individuals and communities in need during this pandemic,” said Kyle Hybl, El Pomar Foundation President & CEO. “In establishing the Colorado Assistance Fund, El Pomar Foundation’s Trustees aimed to deliver funds as quickly as possible to support critical needs.”

Organizations were nominated for funding by public health departments or members of El Pomar Foundation’s regional councils. Part of El Pomar’s Regional Partnerships Program, regional councils regularly provide grant recommendations to El Pomar Trustees. 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.

“COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on this community, so El Pomar’s quick efforts to distribute aid to local organizations helping on the front lines were appreciated,” said Judy Lohnes, Central Peaks Council member. “Especially in the midst of this crisis, the Foundation’s solicitation of local perspectives ensured that their support was focused on the specific, emergent needs of our communities.”

With the original \$1 million disbursed, El Pomar Trustees approved another \$1.1 million for an additional phase of the Colorado Assistance Fund. Each of El Pomar’s 11 regional councils will recommend strategy for the allocation of \$100,000 in their multi-county region of Colorado. The focus of these dollars is to encourage and support the eventual return of healthy, functioning communities across Colorado as they emerge from the current COVID-19 crisis, and may include initiatives to regain and exceed peak levels of employment, economic output, and/or health and wellness of a community in place prior to the crisis.

El Pomar’s Trustees also dedicated \$100,000 from the Foundation’s Freda Hambrick Fund to support pet food banks, or to support veterinary clinics in covering costs of pet food or veterinarian expenses for families that have been impacted by COVID-19 and are unable to afford those expenses.

This additional phase marks the seventh time El Pomar Foundation has dedicated a Colorado Assistance Fund. Prior to the first phase established in March for COVID-19 immediate aid, 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 \$57,500 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 4, 2020—Since March, 15 organizations in Colorado’s high country received grants totaling \$57,500 from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund. The \$1 million fund was established by the Foundation’s Trustees on March 9, within a week of Colorado’s first confirmed case of COVID-19 and provided 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 following organizations in the High Country region (Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake, Pitkin and Summit Counties) received grants:

- Aspen Hope Center—\$2,500 for mental health needs related to COVID-19 for school-aged children
- Aspen School District No. 1—\$5,000 for food distribution needs related to COVID-19 through Aspen Family Connections
- Building Hope Summit County—\$2,500 for mental health services related to COVID-19
- Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver—\$5,000 for food and utility assistance related to COVID-19 in the High Country region
- Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition—\$7,500 for emergency needs related to COVID-19
- Eagle County Health Services District—\$2,500 for PPE and supplies related to COVID-19
- Eagle Valley Community Foundation—\$2,500 for food pantry needs related to COVID-19
- Lake County Community Fund—\$2,500 for utility assistance related to COVID-19
- Salvation Army - Vail Valley—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- St. George Episcopal Church—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Summit County Care Clinic, Inc.—\$5,000 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- Summit County Family Resource Center—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19
- Summit County Senior Citizens, Inc. —\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Town of Avon—\$2,500 for affordable housing needs related to COVID-19
- Vail Health System—\$2,500 for mental health services through "Olivia's Fund" at Eagle Valley Behavioral Health

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"Eagle County was an early hot spot for the virus and the closure of the ski resorts was extremely detrimental to our local economy," said Kristi Ferraro, High Country Council member. "El Pomar's rapid response to distribute aid to local organizations helping on the front lines was very much appreciated. Additionally, the Foundation's solicitation of local perspective ensured that their support was focused on the specific needs of communities all around Colorado."

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El Pomar Foundation distributes \$134,500 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in the Metro Denver area

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- Aging Resources of Douglas County—\$1,000 for food distribution and transportation needs for seniors impacted by COVID-19
- A Little Help—\$2,500 for needs related to COVID-19
- Benevolent Healthcare Foundation—\$2,500 for medical supply distribution related to COVID-19
- Bennett Community Food Bank—\$1,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Castle Rock Community Inter Church Task Force—\$2,500 for food distribution, rent assistance and utility assistance related to COVID-19
- Castle Rock Senior Center, Inc. —\$1,000 for food distribution and transportation needs related to COVID-19
- Challenge Foundation, Inc. —\$5,000 for food assistance through grocery cards for families impacted by COVID-19
- Cherry Hills Community Church—\$1,000 for rent assistance needs related to COVID-19
- Colorado Succeeds—\$5,000 for food distribution needs related to COVID-19
- Community First Foundation—\$25,000 for Make4Covid
- Elbert County Coalition for Outreach—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Evergreen Christian Outreach—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Food Bank of the Rockies—\$15,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Gold Crown Foundation, Inc. —\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Growing Home, Inc. —\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Have a Heart Project—\$1,000 food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Kitchen One 4 One—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- La Clinica Tepeyac, Inc. —\$15,000 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- Living Water Church of Aurora, Inc. —\$1,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Metropolitan State University of Denver Foundation, Inc. —\$5,000 for food and rent assistance for students impacted by COVID-19
- Mile High United Way, Inc. —\$25,000 for multiple needs related to COVID-19
- St. Philip Lutheran Church—\$1,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- The GrowHaus—\$7,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19

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"We believe that everyone deserves healthy food, especially during a crisis like COVID-19," said Nathan Mackenzie, Director of Development at Colorado Assistance Fund grantee The GrowHaus. "El Pomar Foundation's Colorado Assistance Fund allowed us to act quickly to get food to families facing food insecurity. The Foundation has played an important role in helping us reach over 500 families each week, distributing 65,000 meals."

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El Pomar Foundation distributes \$86,500 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in northern Colorado

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 4, 2020—Since March, 22 organizations in northern Colorado received grants totaling \$86,500 from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund. The \$1 million fund was established by the Foundation’s Trustees on March 9, within a week of Colorado’s first confirmed case of COVID-19 and provided 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 following organizations in the North region (Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties) received grants:

- Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County—\$2,500 for mental health services related to COVID-19
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County—\$5,000 for childcare service needs related to COVID-19
- Carbon Valley Help Center—\$1,000 for food, rent and utility assistance related to COVID-19
- Catholic Charities Northern—\$5,000 for rent assistance efforts related to COVID-19
- Center for Family Outreach, Inc.—\$2,500 for mental health services related to COVID-19
- Emergency Family Assistance Association, Inc.—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Food Bank of Larimer County—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity—\$5,000 for rent assistance for low-income families impacted by COVID-19
- Homeward Alliance, Inc. —\$2,500 for increased services related to COVID-19 for those experiencing homelessness
- Hope at Miracle House—\$1,000 for basic needs related to COVID-19
- Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado—\$2,500 for rent and utility assistance related to COVID -19
- Jobs of Hope, Inc.—\$3,500 for rent, utilities and transportation assistance related to COVID-19
- Loveland Rotary Club Foundation—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Loveland and Berthoud—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Meals on Wheels for Fort Collins, Colorado, Inc. —\$5,000 for food distribution efforts for seniors related to COVID-19
- Neighbor to Neighbor, Inc. —\$5,000 for rent assistance related to COVID-19
- North 40 Mountain Alliance, Inc. —\$1,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- North Range Behavioral Health—\$2,500 for meal delivery and mental health needs related to COVID-19
- Senior Resource Services—\$2,000 for grocery delivery and prescription assistance related to COVID-19

- Sunrise Community Health—\$5,000 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- United Way of Weld County—\$15,000 for shelter and food distribution needs related to COVID-19 for those experiencing homelessness
- Weld Food Bank—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19

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“As our local businesses and many residents are greatly dependent on tourism, the shutdown due to COVID-19 hit us unusually hard and left many in our community in food insecurity,” said John Parker, the Board Chairman of North 40 Mountain Alliance. “The grant we received from El Pomar Foundation will help ensure we’re able to keep meeting the food needs of our community.”

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“COVID-19 has had an enormous impact on this community, so El Pomar’s quick efforts to distribute aid to local organizations helping on the front lines were appreciated,” said Jeannine Truswell, North Council member. “Especially in the midst of this crisis, the Foundation’s solicitation of local perspective ensured that their support was focused on the specific, emergent needs of our communities.”

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El Pomar Foundation distributes \$20,500 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in northeastern Colorado

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 4, 2020—Since March, seven organizations in northeastern Colorado received grants totaling \$20,500 from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund. The \$1 million fund was established by the Foundation’s Trustees on March 9, within a week of Colorado’s first confirmed case of COVID-19 and provided 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 following organizations in the Northeast region (Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillip, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma Counties) received grants:

- Family Resource Center—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Julesburg Christian Church—\$1,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Morgan Community College Foundation—\$5,000 for food and rent assistance needs related to COVID-19 for students
- Ovid Methodist Church—\$1,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Revere School District—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Sedgwick County—\$4,000 for a UV light disinfecting machine for PPE
- Wray Area Foundation, Inc.—\$2,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19 in Yuma County

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“The Colorado Assistance Fund enabled Family Resource Center to purchase more nutritious food items for our food pantry as the need increased by 700% over the past two months,” said Yvonne Draxler, Executive Director of The Family Resource Center in Sterling. “The people of the small, rural communities in northeastern Colorado thank you for being proactive to ensure food needs are being met.”

“We are grateful for the nonprofit organizations and their staffs who have selflessly stepped up to support individuals and communities in need during this pandemic,” said Kyle Hybl, El Pomar Foundation President & CEO. “In establishing the Colorado Assistance Fund, El Pomar Foundation’s Trustees aimed to deliver funds as quickly as possible to support critical needs.”

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“El Pomar’s quick efforts to distribute monetary aid to local organizations, enabling them to continue to provide support to families in need, has been greatly appreciated,” said Justin Coughlin, Northeast Council member. “The Foundation’s approach to solicit input from local community members has proven to be extremely effective, and in this crisis, it allowed the Foundation to provide immediate relief to organizations who needed it most.”

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El Pomar Foundation distributes \$57,000 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in northwestern Colorado

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 4, 2020—Since March, twelve organizations in northwestern Colorado received grants totaling \$57,000 from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund. The \$1 million fund was established by the Foundation’s Trustees on March 9, within a week of Colorado’s first confirmed case of COVID-19 and provided 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 following organizations in the Northwest region (Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Routt and Rio Blanco Counties) received grants:

- Colorado Mountain College Foundation, Inc.—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts for students related to COVID-19
- Colorado West, Inc.—\$5,000 for mental health services related to COVID-19
- Community Clinics at Memorial Regional Health—\$2,000 to provide two families with temporary shelter and food for four weeks
- Community Food Bank—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Hope of the Grand Valley—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Life Inter-Faith Team on Unemployment and Poverty—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Love INC of the Yampa Valley—\$4,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Mountain Family Center—\$10,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Mountain Family Health Centers—\$7,500 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- Rangely Food Bank, Inc.—\$1,000 for food distribution needs related to COVID-19
- St. Mary’s Hospital and Medical Center, Inc.—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts for seniors related to COVID-19
- Valley View Hospital Foundation—\$5,000 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19

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“El Pomar’s early support helped us feel confident in the face of daily uncertainty and constantly evolving needs,” said Alisha Wenger, Executive Director of the Community Food Bank of Grand Junction. “With this aid, we have been able to launch a new food box delivery program, dropping food directly on the doorsteps of our most vulnerable residents. We serve around 300 households per week for approximately 1,200 individuals experiencing hunger in Mesa County, over double our normal operations.”

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“COVID-19 has had a tremendously negative effect on Northwest Colorado,” said Tom Kenning, Northwest Council member. “El Pomar’s efforts to offer funding that aids organizations on the front lines has provided a welcome relief. Seeking the input from regional council members who are all locals ensures that the funds are directed towards those who need it most.”

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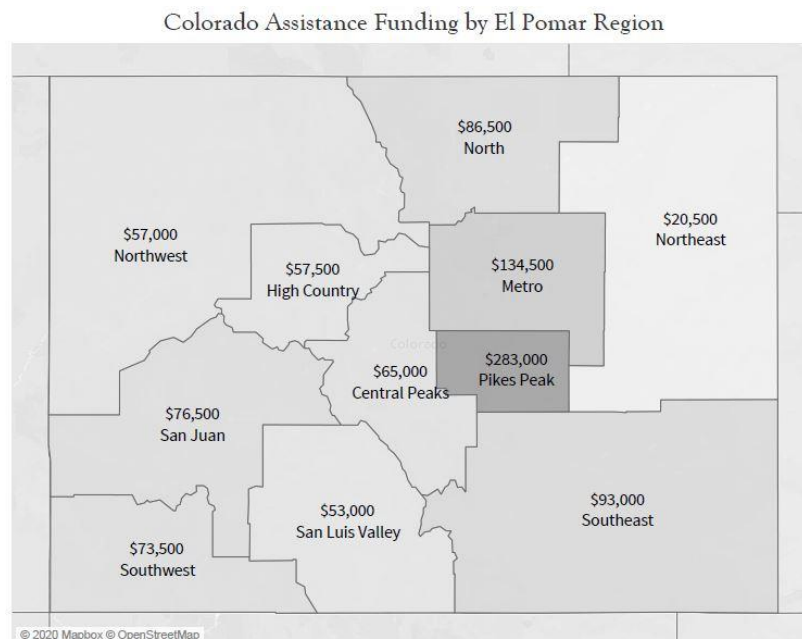


Figure 1: Colorado Assistance Fund dollars distributed per region through June 2

Of the \$1 million fund, \$917,500 was distributed in grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 and supporting a variety of emergency services such as food banks, rent and utility assistance, and medical supplies.

“The quick and early support of El Pomar Foundation made an important difference in the ability of our organization and staff to support the needs of the local community. We are grateful for El Pomar’s expediency and support in a time when we are experiencing an unprecedented increase in demand for Care and Share’s services,” said Lynne Telford, CEO of Care and Share Food Bank.

“We are grateful for the nonprofit organizations and their staffs who have selflessly stepped up to support individuals and communities in need during this pandemic,” said Kyle Hybl, El Pomar Foundation President

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As communities begin to shift their focus from crisis response to recovery, El Pomar’s Trustees closed the \$1 million Colorado Assistance Fund with an \$82,500 grant to Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to fund summer work opportunities for youth in the Pikes Peak region.

As continued support for Colorado communities, El Pomar Trustees also approved an additional \$1.1 million for a second phase of the Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF II) with a focus on longer-range recovery efforts to encourage the eventual return of healthy, functioning communities across Colorado as they emerge from the current COVID-19 crisis. Each of El Pomar’s 11 regional councils will recommend a strategy for the allocation of \$100,000 in their multi-county region of Colorado.

El Pomar’s Trustees also dedicated \$100,000 from the Foundation’s Freda Hambrick Fund to support pet food banks, or to support veterinary clinics in covering costs of pet food or veterinarian expenses for families that have been impacted by COVID-19 and are unable to afford those expenses.

The approval of CAF II marks the seventh time El Pomar Foundation has dedicated a Colorado Assistance Fund. Prior to the phase established in March for COVID-19 immediate aid, 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 \$76,500 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 4, 2020—Since March, 21 organizations in the San Juan region received grants totaling \$76,500 from El Pomar Foundation's Colorado Assistance Fund. The \$1 million fund was established by the Foundation's Trustees on March 9, within a week of Colorado's first confirmed case of COVID-19 and provided 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 following organizations in the San Juan region (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, San Miguel and Ouray Counties) received grants:

- All American Families—\$1,500 for food and other basic needs related to COVID-19
- CASA of the 7th Judicial District, Inc.—\$3,000 for snack bags and hygiene supplies related to COVID-19
- Community Dental Clinic, Inc.—\$5,000 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- Delta County Memorial Hospital Foundation—\$5,000 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- Delta County Memorial Hospital Foundation—\$2,500 for PPE and masks related to COVID-19
- Delta Food Pantry, Inc. —\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Delta Homeless Ministries, Inc.—\$2,500 food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Gunnison Country Food Pantry—\$3,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Gunnison County—\$5,000 for multiple needs related to COVID-19
- Gunnison Valley Health Foundation—\$5,000 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority—\$5,000 for rent assistance related to COVID-19
- Gunnison Watershed School District RE 1J—\$3,000 for food distribution needs for students related to COVID-19
- Lamborn Foundation—\$1,500 for food distribution to seniors impacted by COVID-19
- LCMC Endowment Fund, Inc. —\$2,500 for medical needs and services in Hinsdale County related to COVID-19
- Maslow Academy of Applied Learning, Inc.—\$3,000 for staff support needs related to COVID-19
- Montrose County Senior Citizens Transportation, Inc.—\$3,000 for food distribution efforts for seniors related to COVID-19
- Montrose Rotary Club Youth Foundation, Inc.—\$5,000 for production of medical masks related to COVID-19
- Montrose Rotary Club Youth Foundation, Inc.—\$2,500 for a restaurant gift card program
- Olathe Community Clinic, Inc.—\$5,000 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- Ouray County Schools Community Resource Consortium—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Ouray Public Library—\$1,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Project Hope of Gunnison Valley—\$2,500 for multiple needs related to COVID-19

- Telluride Medical Center Foundation—\$5,000 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19

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“The incredibly prompt response of El Pomar’s Colorado Assistance Fund to COVID-19 demonstrates the tremendous impact of the Regional Partnerships program,” said Linda Gann, San Juan Council member. “Our community received financial support within days to assist with critical and emergent needs including PPE for safety net medical clinics, childcare support for healthcare workers, food for at-risk youth and transportation for senior citizens in remote parts of our county.”

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El Pomar Foundation distributes \$53,000 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in the San Luis Valley

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- Adams State University—\$5,000 for food and housing needs for students related to COVID-19
- Alamosa School District RE-11J—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- City of Alamosa—\$10,000 for fencing to designate land for camping for homeless
- Creede Community Church—\$1,000 for food distribution through the Ladies Aid Society
- High Valley Community Center, Inc. —\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Northerners Senior Citizens Association, Inc. —\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Rio Grande County—\$3,000 for emergency shelter for those impacted by COVID-19
- San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center—\$7,500 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- Silver Thread Public Health—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts in Mineral County related to COVID-19
- Town of Center—\$5,000 for utility assistance for individuals and businesses impacted by COVID-19
- Town of La Jara—\$3,000 for utility assistance for individuals and businesses impacted by COVID-19
- Valley Citizens Foundation for Health Care, Inc. —\$2,500 for masks related to COVID-19
- Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley—\$1,000 for food distribution and shelter efforts related to COVID-19

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“In the face of this unprecedented crisis, the aid from El Pomar Foundation’s Colorado Assistance Fund made a distinct difference in our ability to better serve the emergent needs of our community,” said Joni Bilderbeck, the Nutrition Director of Alamosa Schools. “With the Foundation’s support, we were able to provide nutritious meals for the children of Alamosa, many of whom come from impoverished families.”

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“COVID-19 has had an enormous impact on this community, so El Pomar’s quick efforts to distribute aid to local organizations helping on the front lines were appreciated,” said The Honorable Pattie Swift, San Luis Valley Council member. “Especially in the midst of this crisis, the Foundation’s solicitation of local perspective ensured that their support was focused on the specific, emergent needs of our communities.”

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El Pomar Foundation distributes \$93,000 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in southeastern Colorado

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- 5 Loaves Pantry—\$1,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Arkansas Valley Pregnancy Center, Inc. —\$2,500 for increased needs of formula and baby wipes related to COVID-19
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County—\$5,000 for “Clubs in a Box” program
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Pueblo, Inc.—\$15,000 for needs related to COVID-19
- City of Pueblo—\$2,500 for the Pueblo Food Project
- Health Solutions—\$5,000 for mental health services related to COVID-19
- Huerfano County Hospital District—\$4,000 for a UV sterilizer
- Huerfano County Youth Services—\$3,000 for art kits and safety kits for families in Huerfano County
- Huerfano School District RE-1—\$2,500 for food distribution efforts for students related to COVID-19
- Las Animas Helping Hands—\$2,500 for food and rent assistance related to COVID-19
- Mount Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center—\$7,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Posada—\$10,000 for multiple needs related to COVID-19
- Pueblo Cooperative Care Center—\$10,000 for multiple needs related to COVID-19
- Pueblo Rescue Mission—\$7,500 for multiple needs related to COVID-19
- Pueblo School District 70—\$3,500 for food distribution efforts for students related to COVID-19
- Region Six Alcohol & Drug Abuse Corporation—\$1,500 for detox and telehealth efforts for outpatient clients during COVID-19
- Young Women’s Christian Association of Pueblo—\$10,000 for food needs related to COVID-19

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"The generosity, in immediate funds, from El Pomar, assisted our efforts tremendously in delivering food and technology to feed our neediest of children," said Roxanne Pignanelli, Government and Community

Affairs Coordinator of Pueblo School District 70. “We are truly grateful and in awe of the efficiency of giving from El Pomar.”

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El Pomar Foundation distributes \$73,500 in COVID-19 aid to nonprofits in southwestern Colorado

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- Archuleta Seniors, Inc.—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Boys & Girls Club of La Plata County—\$3,500 for virtual youth development programming needs
- Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado—\$2,500 for information distribution for service access related to COVID-19
- Community United Methodist Church—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Dancing Spirit, Inc. —\$2,500 for the Ignacio Mutual Aid Initiative to provide basic needs related to COVID-19 for the Southern Ute Tribe
- Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation—\$2,500 for medical needs and services related to COVID-19
- Durango Discovery Museum—\$5,000 for production of medical supplies related to COVID-19
- Fort Lewis College Foundation—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts for students related to COVID-19
- Keystone Center—\$5,000 for program oversight and food distribution to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County Colorado—\$1,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Manna – The Durango Soup Kitchen—\$3,500 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19
- Reaching Out to Community and Kids—\$2,500 for multiple needs related to COVID-19
- Silverton School District—\$5,000 for food distribution efforts for students related to COVID-19
- The Good Samaritan Center—\$5,000 for food distribution and rent assistance related to COVID-19 through 4 Corners Mutual Aid Network
- The Good Samaritan Center—\$5,000 for multiple needs related to COVID-19
- The Piñon Project—\$5,000 for multiple needs related to COVID-19
- United Way of Southwest Colorado—\$5,000 for rent and utilities assistance related to COVID-19 through the Pagosa Outreach Connection
- Women's Resource Center in Durango—\$5,000 for food, rent and utility assistance needs related to COVID-19

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“In these uncertain times it is invaluable to know that El Pomar is there to support our communities and our kids, impacting lives through life-giving investment,” said Kathrene Frautschy, Director of Development at the Boys & Girls Club of La Plata County.

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