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El Pomar Foundation approves \$56,500 to nonprofits in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 2, 2020—El Pomar Trustees approved \$56,500 allocated among ten nonprofit organizations in the Central Peaks region in February and March. Through the Foundation’s grant making processes, the following organizations were awarded funding:

- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Inc.—\$2,500 for childcare for health care workers at St. Thomas Moore Hospital; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Boys and Girls Club of South Park, Inc.—\$7,500 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Cañon City Pregnancy Center—\$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Chaffee County—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Fremont County—\$5,000 for Department of Human Service needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center, Inc.—\$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County—\$10,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Park County RE2 School District—\$2,500 for lunches and food needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments; \$15,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Valley Assisted Living, Inc.—\$1,500 for upgrades and maintenance; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$22,500 to nonprofits in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 2, 2020—El Pomar Trustees approved \$22,500 allocated among four nonprofit organizations in the High County region in February and March. Through the Foundation’s grant making processes, the following organizations were awarded funding:

- Cycle Effect—\$5,000 for a girls’ mountain biking program; competitive
- Lake County Community Fund—\$2,500 for utility assistance related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- St. George Episcopal Church—\$5,000 for food distribution related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Summit County Care Clinic, Inc.—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Summit County Family Resource Center—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$57,500 to nonprofits in the North region

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- Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County—\$5,000 for childcare service needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Care-a-Van SAINT, Inc.—\$7,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Dental Aid, Inc.—\$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Estes Park Medical Center Foundation —\$15,000 for 3D mammography equipment; competitive
- Emergency Family Assistance Association, Inc.—\$2,500 for increased food distribution needs related to COVID-19- Colorado Assistance Fund
- Food Bank of Larimer County—\$5,000 for emergency food distribution related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Grand Family Coalition, Inc.—\$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Loveland and Berthound—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- YWCA Boulder County—\$10,000 for childcare center expansion; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$35,000 to nonprofits in the Northeast region

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- Family Resource Center—\$5,000 for emergency food distribution needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Rising Up—\$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Sedgwick County—\$25,000 for the Historic Julesburg Depot Museum; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$62,500 to nonprofits in the Northwest region

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- Colorado Mountain College Foundation, Inc.—\$5,000 for food bank for food insecure students; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Colorado National Monument Association—\$15,000 for amphitheater and trail renovation; competitive
- Kids Aid—\$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Life Inter-Faith Team on Unemployment and Poverty—\$5,000 for food bank needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Mountain Family Health Centers—\$7,500 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Stepping Stones of the Roaring Fork Valley—\$10,000 for a building renovation and remodel; competitive
- Valley View Hospital Foundation—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- YouthZone —\$10,000 in general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$45,000 to nonprofits in the San Juan region

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- CASA of the 7th Judicial District, Inc.—\$3,000 for snack bags and hygiene supplies related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Colorado Ballet Company—\$2,500 for a ballet education program in Gunnison; competitive
- Community Dental Clinic, Inc.—\$5,000 for medical services related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Community Options, Inc.—\$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Delta County Memorial Hospital Foundation—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Gunnison County Food Pantry—\$3,000 for food distribution efforts related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Gunnison County—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Gunnison Watershed School District RE 1J—\$3,000 for food distribution to students; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Maslow Academy of Applied Learning, Inc.—\$3,000 for staff support needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Montrose County Senior Citizens Transportation, Inc.—\$3,000 for transportation of food to seniors during COVID-19 outbreak; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Olathe Community Clinic, Inc.—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Project Hope of Gunnison Valley—\$2,500 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$47,500 to nonprofits in the San Luis Valley region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 2, 2020—El Pomar Trustees approved \$47,500 allocated among seven nonprofit organizations in the San Luis Valley region in February and March. Through the Foundation’s grant making processes, the following organizations were awarded funding:

- Adams State University Foundation, Inc.—\$5,000 for emergency food and housing expenses related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Creede Community Church—\$1,000 for food distribution through the Ladies Aid Society; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Padres Adelante Family Services, Inc.—\$3,000 for a grandparent respite program; competitive
- San Luis Valley Housing Coalition, Inc.—\$15,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Silver Thread Public Health—\$2,500 for food distribution in Mineral County; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Town of Manassa—\$1,000 for the Manassa Opera House Christmas Production; competitive
- Tri-County Senior Citizens and Housing, Inc.—\$20,000 for elevator renovations; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation adds approves \$107,500 to nonprofits in the Southeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 2, 2020— El Pomar Trustees approved \$107,500 allocated among eleven nonprofit organizations in the Southeast region in February and March. Through the Foundation’s grant making processes, the following organizations were awarded funding:

- 5 Loaves Pantry—\$1,000 for food distribution needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Pueblo, Inc.—\$15,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Huerfano County Hospital District—\$4,000 for a UV sterilizer; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Las Animas Bent County Fire Protection District—\$15,000 for a utility vehicle; Wildland Fire Fund
- Las Animas Helping Hands—\$2,500 for food and rent assistance related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Mount Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center—\$7,500 for food needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Posada—\$10,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Pueblo Cooperative Care Center—\$10,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Pueblo Rescue Mission—\$7,500 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Trust for Public Land—\$25,000 for the Fisher’s Peak project; competitive
- Young Women’s Christian Association of Pueblo—\$10,000 for food needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$90,000 to nonprofits in the Southwest region

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- Archuleta Seniors, Inc.—\$10,000 in general operating support and \$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; competitive and Colorado Assistance Fund
- Community United Methodist Church—\$2,500 food distribution needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Dolores County—\$30,000 for a youth mental health counselor; regional council
- Dove’s Nest—\$7,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation—\$10,000 for a new ambulance and \$2,500 for the purchase of supplies related to COVID-19 medical services; competitive and Colorado Assistance Fund
- Loaves and Fishes of Archuleta County Colorado—\$1,500 for food distribution needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Manna – The Durango Soup Kitchen—\$3,500 for food distribution for school students and the Southern Ute Tribe Boys and Girls Clubs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Reaching Out to Community and Kids—\$2,500 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Silverton School District— \$5,000 for food distribution for students related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- The Good Samaritan Center—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- The Piñon Project—\$5,000 for needs related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund

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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.

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