



EL POMAR FOUNDATION

March 2021 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 2021. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's February 2021 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 \$12,500 to nonprofits in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 17, 2021—Grant funding of \$12,500 will support the work of nonprofits in the Central Peaks region. El Pomar Trustees approved grant allocations to three nonprofit organizations in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation's February Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Cañon Literacy Center Inc. of Cañon City—\$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Chaffee County Hospitality, Inc. of Salida—\$2,500 for general operating support; competitive
- elevateHER of Buena Vista—\$5,000 for the youth outdoor adventure program; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$10,000 to nonprofits in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 17, 2021— Grant funding of \$10,000 will support the work of nonprofits in the High Country region. El Pomar Trustees approved grant allocations to two nonprofit organizations in the High Country region at the Foundation’s February Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District of Edwards—\$5,000 for youth sports leagues and programs; Hybl Fund
- Summit 54 of Aspen—\$5,000 for summer program for at risk students; competitive

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The William J. Hybl Fund supports Olympic, Paralympic and youth sports. William J. “Bill” Hybl, El Pomar’s executive chairman and 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 \$40,000 to nonprofits in the North region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 17, 2021— Grant funding of \$40,000 will support the work of nonprofits in the North region. El Pomar Trustees approved grant allocations to four nonprofit organizations in the North region at the Foundation’s February Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- ChildSafe Colorado, Inc. of Fort Collins—\$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- House of Neighborly Service of Loveland—\$15,000 for roof replacement; competitive
- Longmont Meals on Wheels, Inc.—\$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- United Way of Weld County, Inc. in Greeley—\$10,000 for housing placement system; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$5,000 to nonprofit in the Northwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 17, 2021— Grant funding of \$5,000 will support the work of the Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre in the Northwest region. El Pomar Trustees approved a \$5,000 competitive grant to the Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre of Grand Lake for general operating support at the Foundation’s February Trustees meeting.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$27,500 to nonprofits in the San Juan region

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- Hinsdale County—\$15,000 for Lake San Cristobal Island Project; competitive
- San Miguel Mentoring Program of Telluride—\$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- True North Youth Program of Telluride—\$7,500 for student support services; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$55,000 to nonprofits in the San Luis Valley region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 17, 2021— Grant funding of \$55,000 will support the work of nonprofit organizations in the San Luis Valley region. El Pomar Trustees approved grant allocations to two nonprofit organizations in the San Luis Valley region at the Foundation’s February Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Care and Share, Inc. of Colorado Springs —\$50,000 for Alamosa distribution center; regional council
- Creede Repertory Theatre, Inc. — \$5,000 for LED lights in the Ruth Theatre; competitive

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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 San Luis Valley Regional Council recommends grants in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache 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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El Pomar Foundation approves \$285,000 to nonprofits in the Southeast region

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- Branson Reorganized School District—\$20,000 for football field and walking path; competitive
- Pueblo Community College Foundation—\$250,000 for health teaching and learning center; competitive
- Spanish Peaks Community Foundation, Inc. of Walsenburg—\$10,000 for Fox Theatre renovation; competitive
- Town of Bristol Improvements Board—\$5,000 for senior community center; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$15,000 to nonprofits in the Southwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—March 26, 2021— Grant funding of \$15,000 will support the work of nonprofits in the Southwest region. El Pomar Trustees approved grant allocations to five nonprofit organizations in the Southwest region at the Foundation’s February Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Imaginary Friends Productions of Durango—\$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Montezuma County Historical Society, Inc. of Cortez—\$2,500 for construction of Montezuma Heritage Museum; Trustee regional merit
- Mancos Valley Resources — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- OMNI Institute of Denver—\$2,500 for leadership practicum in Durango; Trustee regional merit
- San Juan Symphony of Durango—\$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

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