

## EL POMAR FOUNDATION

# March 2023 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 April 2023. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's March 2023 Trustee meetings.

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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](mailto:ehannan@elpomar.org).

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$20,000 to organizations in the Central Peaks region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 24, 2023**—El Pomar Trustees approved \$20,000 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:

- Cañon City Pregnancy Center — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Peer Empowered Recovery Community Solutions, Inc. (Cañon City) — \$5,000 for community outreach and support; competitive
- South Park Food Bank (Fairplay) — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$7,500 to organizations in the High Country region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 24, 2023**—El Pomar Trustees approved \$7,500 allocated to two nonprofit organizations in the High Country region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Music Associates of Aspen, Inc. — \$2,500 for youth programs; competitive
- Smart Bellies (Breckenridge) — \$5,000 for the kids weekend food program; competitive

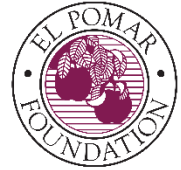
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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$30,000 to organizations in the North region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 24, 2023**—El Pomar Trustees approved \$30,000 allocated to six 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:

- Coal Creek Meals on Wheels (Lafayette) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Dementia-Friendly Communities of Northern Colorado (Windsor) — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Harvest of Hope Pantry (Boulder) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Healing Warriors Program (Fort Collins) — \$2,500 for veteran support programs; competitive
- Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Weld Food Bank (Greeley) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$62,000 to organizations in the Northeast region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 24, 2023**—El Pomar Trustees approved \$62,000 allocated to seven nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Northeast region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Cheyenne County School District (Cheyenne Wells) — \$10,000 for Cheyenne Wells School concession stand ADA upgrades; regional council
- Colorado Ballet (Denver) — \$5,000 for rural programs; competitive
- Colorado State University Foundation (Fort Collins) — \$6,500 for Yuma extension office dementia support program; regional council
- Kit Carson Rural Development — \$7,500 for community center utilities upgrades; regional council
- Morgan County Diversification Foundation, Inc. (Fort Morgan) — \$5,000 for event space and community kitchen; competitive
- RE-1 Valley School District (Sterling) — \$15,000 for Sterling High School’s multimedia lab; regional council
- Regional Home Visitation Program (Yuma) — \$13,000 for computer upgrades; regional council

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$50,000 to organizations in the Northwest region**

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- Center for Enriched Communications, Inc. (Grand Junction) — \$5,000 for counseling programs; competitive
- Hilltop Health Services Corporation (Grand Junction) — \$30,000 for family resource center; competitive
- HopeWest (Grand Junction) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Stepping Stones of the Roaring Fork Valley (Carbondale) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$25,000 to nonprofits in the San Juan region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 24, 2023**—El Pomar Trustees approved \$25,000 allocated to three nonprofit organizations 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:

- Community Dental Clinic, Inc. (Montrose) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Community Options, Inc. (Montrose) — \$10,000 for supportive housing repairs and improvements; competitive
- Home Trust of Ouray County (Ridgway) — \$5,000 for affordable housing programs; competitive

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$35,000 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 24, 2023**—El Pomar Trustees approved \$35,000 allocated to three nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Luis Valley at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- City of Monte Vista — \$10,000 for Ski Hi complex center upgrades; regional council
- High Valley Community Center, Inc. (Del Norte) — \$15,000 in general operating support; competitive
- San Luis Valley Habitat for Humanity (Alamosa) — \$10,000 for an affordable housing project; competitive

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$65,000 to organizations in the Southeast region**

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- Posada (Pueblo) — \$45,000 for affordable housing and supportive services: competitive
- Valley First (Colorado City) — \$20,000 for the Greenhorn Valley Community Park athletic field; competitive

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### **El Pomar Foundation approves \$204,000 to organizations in the Southwest region**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.—April 24, 2023**—El Pomar Trustees approved \$204,000 allocated to 18 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 entities were awarded grants:

- Archuleta County Education Center, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) — \$25,000 for the Wings Early Childhood Center expansion; competitive
- Boys and Girls Club of La Plata County, Inc. (Durango) — \$20,000 for physical activity equipment; regional council
- Colorado State University Foundation (Fort Collins) — \$4,000 for Dolores County 4-H conference and programming; regional council
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) — \$5,000 for youth engagement programs; competitive
- Ignacio Creative District — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Mancos Common Press, Inc. — \$10,000 for affordable housing and community building; competitive
- Manna-The Durango Soup Kitchen — \$20,000 for food nutrition education and garden production programs; regional council
- Medicine Horse Center -Therapeutic Riding & Equine Rehabilitation (Mancos) — \$20,000 for youth development scholarships; regional council
- Montezuma County Historical Society, Inc. (Cortez) — \$2,500 in general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Montezuma School to Farm Project (Cortez) — \$15,000 for middle school STEM program; regional council
- Onward! A Legacy Foundation (Cortez) — \$5,000 for the School Community Youth Collaborative programming; regional council
- Pagosa Community Initiative — \$25,000 for afterschool programming; regional council
- Pagosa Play Place — \$2,500 in general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- San Juan 2000 Development Association (Silverton) — \$20,000 for Silverton Strong general operating support; regional council
- San Juan County Public Health Service (Silverton) — \$2,500 for the senior citizen meal program; regional merit
- Silverton Farmers Market — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Town of Dove Creek — \$10,000 for Weber Park playground equipment; competitive
- United Way of Southwest Colorado (Durango) — \$10,000 for Team UP youth programming in Dolores and Montezuma counties; regional council

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