

EL POMAR FOUNDATION

December 2023 Colorado Assistance Fund Grant Announcements

The following document is a collection of 10 press releases sent by El Pomar Foundation to media outlets across Colorado in December 2023. The press releases highlight Colorado Assistance Fund grants approved at El Pomar's December 2023 Trustee meeting.

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general purpose grant making throughout the state of Colorado. The competitive process remains the Foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding, which accepts applications on a rolling basis. Additionally, over the last 80 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a number of other funds, as well as presenting Trustee merit grants. Since 2003, El Pomar's Regional Partnerships program has also provided invaluable support to 11 regions encompassing the entire state of Colorado, representing all 64 counties, led by more than 70 community leaders on regional councils, in an effort to increase impact and establish connections throughout the state.

For more information about El Pomar's grant making, please <u>visit our website</u> or contact Erin Hannan, Vice President of Communications, with specific questions about these announcements at ehannan@elpomar.org.

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- Achieve, Inc. (Buena Vista) \$5,000
- Boys and Girls Club of South Park, Inc. \$6,250
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Chaffee County \$5,000
- Chaffee County Community Foundation \$5,000
- Chaffee County Hospitality, Inc. \$5,000
- City of Canon City \$15,000 (public pool feasibility study)
- Crystal Mountain Center for Performing Arts (Westcliffe) \$5,000
- Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. —\$5,000
- Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Cañon City) \$10,000
- Guidestone (Salida) \$5,000
- LifeBridge, Inc. (Bailey) \$6,250
- Park County Senior Coalition (Fairplay) \$6,250

- South Park Food Bank (Fairplay) \$6,250
- Valley Assisted Living, Inc. (Silver Cliff) \$5,000
- Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation, Inc. (Westcliffe) \$5,000 (Custer County Kids Council Boys and Girls Club feasibility study)
- Wetmore Community Library \$5,000

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- Aspen School District No. 1 \$20,000 (Aspen Family Connections)
- Eagle Valley Community Foundation (Vail) \$10,000
- Full Circle of Lake County, Inc. (Leadville) \$20,000
- Lake County Community Fund (Leadville) \$5,000 (Get Outdoors Colorado)
- Project Support (Idaho Springs) \$20,000
- Salvation Army Vail Valley \$10,000
- Summit County Child Care Resource & Referral Agency (Dillon) \$20,000

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- A Kid's Place (Greeley) \$15,000
- A Woman's Place, Inc. (Greeley) \$10,000
- Aims Community College Foundation (Greeley) \$5,000 (BUENO camp program)
- Alternatives to Violence, Inc. (Loveland) \$10,000
- ChildSafe Colorado, Inc. (Fort Collins) \$10,000
- Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (Denver) \$5,000 (Outreach Fort Collins)
- Community Foundation of Northern Colorado (Fort Collins) \$5,000
- Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Inc. \$10,000
- Crossroads Safehouse, Inc. (Fort Collins) \$15,000
- Emergency Family Assistance Association, Inc. (Boulder) \$15,000
- Estes Park Learning Place, Inc. \$10,000
- Estes Valley Nonprofit Resource Center (Estes Park) \$5,000

- Greeley Transitional House, Inc. (Greeley) \$10,000
- House of Neighborly Service (Loveland) \$10,000
- La Clinica Campesina Family Health Services (Lafayette) \$5,000
- Neighbor to Neighbor, Inc. (Fort Collins) \$15,000
- North Range Behavioral Health (Greeley) \$15,000
- Outreach United Resource Center, Inc. (Longmont) \$5,000
- Respite Care, Inc. (Fort Collins) \$15,000
- Sister Carmen Community Center, Inc. (Lafayette) \$5,000
- Sunrise Community Health (Evans) \$10,000 (Immigrant & Refugee Center of Northern Colorado)
- United Way of Weld County, Inc. (Greeley) \$10,000 (Housing Navigation Center)

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- Break the Silence, Inc. (Fort Morgan) \$5,000
- Eastern Colorado Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. (Sterling) \$10,000
- Family Resource Center (Sterling) \$10,000
- Hippodrome Arts Centre (Julesburg) \$10,000
- Kit Carson Rural Development \$10,000
- Limon Child Development Center \$10,000
- Logan County Arts League (Sterling) \$5,000
- Logan County Childcare Collaborative (Sterling) \$10,000
- Morgan County Family Center, Inc. (Fort Morgan) \$10,000
- Regional Home Visitation Program (Yuma) \$10,000
- Wray Community Child Care Center \$10,000

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- Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Colorado (Craig) \$20,000 (Craig and Steamboat Springs)
- Colorado Animal Rescue (Glenwood Springs) \$5,000
- Community Food Bank (Grand Junction) \$10,000
- Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center (Fruita) \$5,000
- Housing Resources of Western Colorado (Grand Junction) \$10,000
- North Park Medical Clinic, Inc. (Walden) \$10,000
- Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association (Steamboat Springs) \$5,000
- Pioneers Healthcare Foundation, Inc. (Meeker) \$10,000
- Roaring Fork Friends of the Theater, Inc. (Carbondale) \$10,000
- Roaring Fork School District RE-1 (Carbondale) \$10,000 (Pre-Collegiate program)

- Steamboat Training Adaptive Recreational Sports \$5,000
- Yampa Valley Community Foundation (Steamboat Springs) \$10,000

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- Delta County (Delta) \$10,000
- Delta Health Foundation \$10,000
- Gunnison Country Food Pantry \$10,000
- Gunnison County \$10,000 (Gunnison-Hinsdale Early Childhood Council)
- Home Trust of Ouray County (Ridgway) \$10,000
- Magic Circle Players (Montrose) \$10,000
- Mesa County Land Conservancy, Inc. (Grand Junction) \$10,000 (Delta and Montrose Counties)
- North Fork Valley Public Radio, Inc. (Paonia) \$10,000
- Ouray County Schools Community Resource Consortium (Ridgway) \$10,000
- The Learning Council (Paonia) \$5,000

• True North Youth Program (Telluride) — \$15,000

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- Adams State University Foundation, Inc. (Alamosa) \$17,500 (Migrant Education Program)
- Creede Early Learning Center \$7,500
- Creede Repertory Theatre, Inc. \$7,500
- Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley \$7,500
- HadaNou Collective (Denver) \$7,500 (Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center)
- La Puente Home, Inc. (Alamosa) \$7,500 (La Jara Food Bank)
- San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society (Alamosa) \$5,000
- San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, Inc. (Alamosa) \$7,500
- San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (Alamosa) \$7,500
- San Luis Valley Housing Coalition, Inc. (Alamosa) \$7,500

- San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center (Alamosa) \$7,500
- Town of San Luis \$7,500
- Upper Rio Grande Animal Society (Monte Vista) \$7,500
- Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (Alamosa) \$5,000

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- Bent County Community Center (Las Animas) \$15,000
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County (Pueblo) \$10,000
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo, Inc. \$15,000
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) \$5,000
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) \$10,000 (Walsenburg Youth Group)
- Las Animas Helping Hands \$10,000
- Mariposa Center for Safety (Pueblo) \$10,000
- Metro Volunteers (Denver) \$10,000 (Pueblo Pro Bono)
- Mt. Carmel Wellness & Community Center (Trinidad) \$10,000
- Pueblo Zoological Society \$5,000

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- Conservation Legacy (Durango) \$5,000 (Southwest Conservation Corps)
- Crow Canyon Archaeological Center (Cortez) \$5,000
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) \$10,000
- Hive DGO (Durango) \$10,000
- La Plata Youth Services, Inc. (Durango) \$20,000
- Mancos Valley Resources \$5,000 (Montezuma Youth Alliance)
- Montezuma School to Farm Project (Cortez) \$20,000
- Onward! A Legacy Foundation (Cortez) \$20,000 (Good Food Collective)
- Pagosa Community Initiative \$10,000
- United Way of Southwest Colorado (Durango) \$10,000 (TeamUp program)

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