

EL POMAR FOUNDATION

December 2023 Regional Grant Announcements

The following document is a collection of eight press releases sent by El Pomar Foundation to media outlets in rural regions across Colorado in January 2024. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's December 2023 Trustee meeting.

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For more information about El Pomar's grant making, please [visit our website](#) or contact Erin Hannan, Senior Vice President of Communications, with specific questions about these announcements at ehannan@elpomar.org.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$42,500 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—January 8, 2024—El Pomar Trustees approved \$42,500 allocated to five nonprofit organizations in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation’s December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Boys and Girls Club of South Park, Inc. (Fairplay) — \$15,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Humane Society of Fremont County, Inc. (Cañon City) — \$15,000 for direct care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Mini Blessings (Buena Vista) — \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- New Horizons Foundation, Inc. (Colorado Springs)— \$5,000 for Starting Over on the Inside program; competitive
- Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation, Inc. (Westcliffe) — \$5,000 for Custer County Kids Council Boys and Girls Club feasibility study; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$143,602.50 to organizations in the North region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—January 8, 2024—El Pomar Trustees approved \$143,602.50 allocated to 17 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the North region at the Foundation’s December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Animal Friends Alliance (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 for spay and neuter services, vaccinations, and pet food pantry; Hambrick Fund
- Blue Rising Community (Superior) — \$5,000 for fentanyl education programs; competitive
- Colorado Horse Rescue (Longmont) — \$10,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Estes Valley Nonprofit Resource Center (Estes Park) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Front-Porch Felines (Fort Lupton) — \$2,500 for care of cats; Hambrick Fund
- Glacier View Fire Protection District (Livermore) — \$10,000 for ambulance stretcher upgrade; Wildland Fire Fund
- Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. — \$10,000 for radio replacements; Wildland Fire Fund
- Greeley Dream Team, Inc. — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Greenhouse Scholars (Boulder) — \$10,000 for post-college young leaders program; competitive
- Hygiene Fire Protection District (Louisville) — \$11,000 for wildland equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Longmont Humane Society, Inc. — \$5,000 for care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Mental Health Center of Boulder County, Inc. (Lafayette) — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- NAMI Boulder County, Inc. (Lafayette) — \$10,000 for teen and youth programs; regional council
- Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department (Bellvue) — \$10,000 for personal protective equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- United Way of Weld County, Inc. (Greeley) — \$12,602.50 for Providers Advancing School Outcomes Institute; regional council
- Weld Elves (Greeley) — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- YMCA of Northern Colorado (Lafayette) — \$15,000 for youth development programs; regional council

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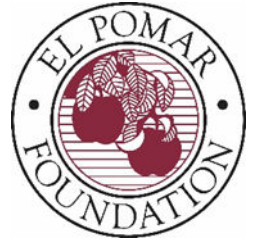
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$80,000 to organizations in the Northeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—January 8, 2024—El Pomar Trustees approved \$80,000 allocated to 10 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Northeast region at the Foundation’s December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Akron Balanced Child Development Center, Inc. — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Brush Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation — \$5,000 for Brush Area Chamber of Commerce general operating support; regional merit
- Limon Child Development Center — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Prairie Family Center (Burlington) — \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- RE-1 Valley School District (Sterling) — \$5,000 for McKinney-Vento program; regional council
- Rural Communities Resource Center (Yuma) — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Sedgwick County Organized Recreation, Inc. (Julesburg) — \$15,000 in general operating support; regional council
- The Cubs Den (Idalia) — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Wray Rehabilitation and Activities Center, Inc. — \$5,000 for free weights area remodel; regional council
- Yuma Children's Academy — \$10,000 in general operating support

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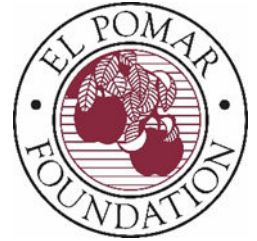
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$690,000 to organizations in the Northwest region

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- Carbondale Community Access Radio — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Children's Rocky Mountain School, Inc. (Carbondale) — \$5,000 for financial assistance for families; competitive
- City of Craig — \$45,000 for 8th Street redevelopment project; regional council
- Colorado Mesa University Foundation (Grand Junction) — \$500,000 for Center for the Performing Arts; competitive
- Colorado West Regional Mental Health, Inc. (Grand Junction) — \$50,000 for Glenwood Springs facility; competitive
- Grand Rivers Humane Society (Grand Junction) — \$5,000 for care and feeding of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Harmony Acres Equestrian Center (Fruita) — \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Journey Home Animal Center, Inc. (Rifle) — \$5,000 for care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- River Bridge Regional Center, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Riverside Educational Center (Grand Junction) — \$10,000 for capital improvements; competitive
- Smiling Goat Ranch, Inc. (Carbondale) — \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- WindWalkers Equine Assisted Learning and Therapy Center (Carbondale) — \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Young Tracks, Inc. (Steamboat Springs) — \$15,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Youthentity (Carbondale) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- YouthZone (Glenwood Springs) — \$15,000 in general operating support; competitive

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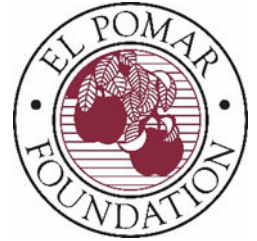
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$112,500 to organizations in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—January 8, 2024—El Pomar Trustees approved \$112,500 allocated to 13 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Juan region at the Foundation’s December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Ah Haa School for the Arts (Telluride) — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
- All American Families (Delta) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Delta County Joint School District 50J (Delta) — \$10,000 for Delta High School band general operating support; regional council
- Egnar Fire Protection District — \$10,000 for personal protective and emergency equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- End of the Trail Rescue (Olathe) — \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Friends of the Wright Opera House, Inc. (Ouray) — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Hoof & Paw West End Animal Assistance (Nucla) — \$5,000 for direct care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Magic Circle Players (Montrose) — \$10,000 for building renovation and upgrades; competitive
- Montrose High School Band Boosters — \$10,000 for trailer purchase and outfitting; regional council
- Ridgway Chatauqua Society, Inc. — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Tamarisk Coalition (Grand Junction) — \$10,000 for Delta and Montrose Counties general operating support; regional council
- West End Economic Development Corporation (Naturita) — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Western Slope Conservation Center (Paonia) — \$10,000 in general operating support

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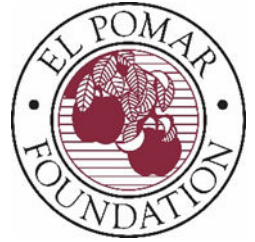
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$32,700 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—January 10, 2024— El Pomar Trustees approved \$32,700 allocated to two nonprofit organizations in the San Luis Valley at the Foundation’s December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Colorado Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. (Denver) — \$22,700 for CASA del Valle, regional council
- Society Hall Foundation (Alamosa) — \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council

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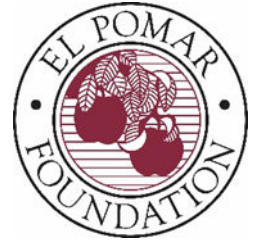
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$134,000 to organizations in the Southeast region

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- Bits of Freedom (Beulah) — \$1,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- ChannelMom Media (Bailey) — \$2,500 for programs for incarcerated mothers in Pueblo; competitive
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Las Animas-Huerfano Counties District Health Department (Trinidad) — \$15,000 for Botvin LifeSkills Training program; competitive
- Otero County (La Junta) — \$10,000 for Health Department's "A Path Forward" event; regional council
- Trinidad State College Foundation
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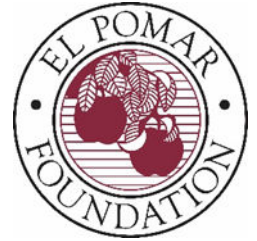
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- Archuleta Seniors, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Community Connections, Inc. (Durango) — \$5,000 for programs for intellectually and developmentally disabled; competitive
- Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center (Durango) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation (Pagosa Springs) — \$15,000 for building for oxygen storage; competitive
- La Plata County Humane Society (Durango) — \$7,500 for digital X-ray machine; Hambrick Fund
- LASSO (La Salle) — \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Reaching Out to Community and Kids (Dove Creek) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Rico Fire Protection District — \$12,000 for tanker equipment and wildland boots; Wildland Fire Fund
- Riverhouse Children's Center, Inc. (Durango) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Silverton Family Learning Center, Inc. — \$15,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Startup Colorado (Durango) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County (Pagosa Springs) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Women's Resource Center in Durango — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

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