



EL POMAR FOUNDATION

March 2024 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 March 2024. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's March 2024 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 \$32,500 to organizations in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — March 26, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$32,500 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 entities were awarded grants:

- Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (Carbondale) — \$2,500 for Young Stewards program; competitive
- St. George Episcopal Church (Leadville) — \$30,000 for community meals and food pantry; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$140,000 to organizations in the North region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — March 26, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$140,000 allocated to 10 nonprofit organizations in the North region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Boulder Public Library Foundation, Inc. — \$20,000 for North Boulder Library construction; competitive
- Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (Denver) — \$5,000 for Outreach Fort Collins general operating support; regional merit
- The Community Kitchen (Loveland) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- El Centro Amistad (Boulder) — \$5,000 for health and wellness programs; competitive
- Enight Skill Center (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Jacob Family Services, Inc. (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund, Inc. — \$25,000 for building renovations; competitive
- Neighbor to Neighbor, Inc. (Fort Collins) — \$20,000 for capital campaign; competitive
- United Way of Larimer County, Inc. (Fort Collins) — \$25,000 for Loveland Youth Campus; competitive
- Veterans Community Project (Kansas City, Mo.) — \$20,000 for Longmont Village construction; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$60,000 to organizations in the Northeast region

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- Regional Home Visitation Program (Yuma) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Sedgwick County (Julesburg) — \$50,000 for Little Monkeys Childcare facility; competitive

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

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- Community Agriculture Alliance, Inc. (Steamboat Springs) — \$25,000 for building renovations; competitive
- Middle Park Medical Foundation (Kremmling) — \$20,000 for wellness center gym floor replacement; competitive
- Steamboat Reading, Inc. — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive
- Valley Settlement (Glenwood Springs) — \$10,000 for Latinx community support; competitive
- Western Slope Veterans Coalition (Glenwood Springs) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$52,000 to organizations in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — March 26, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$52,000 allocated to four nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Juan region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Delta County Fire Protection District 2 (Paonia) — \$7,000 for High frequency radios; Wildland Fire Fund
- Haven House of Montrose, Inc. — \$30,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Ouray Mountain Rescue Team, Inc. — \$10,000 for new rescue vehicle; regional council
- Western Slope Conservation Center (Paonia) — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

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The Wildland Fire fund assists with immediate emergency needs of volunteer firefighting agencies and first responders throughout the state of Colorado.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$92,500 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — March 26, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$92,500 allocated to eight 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 organizations were awarded grants:

- Adams State University Foundation, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$10,000 for pediatric and infant medical mannequin; regional council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, Inc. (Alamosa)
 - \$50,000 for early childhood learning center; competitive
 - \$5,000 for early childhood learning center; regional merit
- City of Monte Vista — \$10,000 for Monte Vista Kids Connection general operating support; competitive
- Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (Denver) — \$5,000 for Heart of Saguache general operating support; regional merit
- HadaNou Collective (Denver) — \$5,000 for Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center general operating support; regional merit
- Quivira Coalition, Inc. (Santa Fe, N.M.) — \$2,500 for Colorado Coalition to Enhance Working Lands 2024 Annual Summit; regional council
- Upper Rio Grande Animal Society (Monte Vista) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Valley Citizens Foundation for Health Care, Inc. (Del Norte) — \$2,500 for wellness center; regional merit

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$199,500 to organizations in the Southeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — March 26, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$199,500 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Southeast region at the Foundation’s March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo, Inc. — \$60,000 for Sunny Side Market operations; regional council
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) — \$10,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Palmer Land Conservancy (Colorado Springs) — \$30,000 to support Bent County water-sharing efforts; regional council
- Pueblo School District 70 — \$35,000 for student mental health and safety pilot program; regional council
- Town of Cheraw — \$9,500 for Cheraw Community Complex; competitive
- Town of Eads — \$25,000 for community pool; competitive
- Town of Springfield — \$25,000 for community pool renovation; competitive
- Youth Club of Trinidad, Inc. — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$229,176 to organizations in the Southwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — March 26, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$229,176 allocated to 14 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:

- 4 The Children (Durango) — \$10,000 for CASA and Supervised Exchange and Parenting Time programs; regional council
- Cortez Center, Inc. — \$5,000 for youth internships; regional council
- Dolores County School District RE-2J (Dove Creek) — \$5,000 for Students Tackling Unhealthy Decisions program; competitive
- Dove's Nest (Dove Creek) — \$10,000 in general operating support; regional council
- Fort Lewis College Foundation (Durango) — \$100,000 for outdoor pavilion and gathering space; competitive
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) — \$5,000 for Community-Based Food and Health Youth Education and Service program; regional council
- Mancos Valley Dragonfly School — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Montezuma County Historical Society, Inc. (Cortez) — \$10,000 for student transportation and Montezuma School to Farm Cooperative; regional council
- Montezuma School to Farm Project (Cortez) — \$20,000 for staff expansion; regional council
- San Juan Mountains Association (Durango) — \$12,500 for Los Compañeros "La Escuelita" and activity Fridays in Ignacio and Bayfield; regional council
- Silverton Farmers Market — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit
- Silverton School District
 - \$2,500 for Silverton School Garden; regional merit
 - \$24,176 for Silverton Library and Silverton Strong partnerships; regional council
- Town of Dove Creek — \$5,000 for recreation department's summer activities scholarships; regional council
- United Way of Southwest Colorado (Durango)
 - \$2,500 for Team UP Dolores Youth Mental Health Action Team; regional council
 - \$10,000 for Team UP La Plata Summer Scholarship program; regional council

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