

EL POMAR FOUNDATION

May 2024 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 June 2024. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's May 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 \$90,000 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — June 25, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$90,000 allocated to 16 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation’s May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- All Access Wellness (Conifer) — \$5,000 for Park County general operating support; regional merit
- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Inc. (Cañon City) — \$2,500 for career readiness and higher education preparation; Trustee regional merit
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Chaffee County (Salida)
 - \$2,500 for Buena Vista Club capital campaign; regional merit
 - \$2,500 for career readiness and higher education preparation; Trustee regional merit
- Cañon City Golden Age Council, Inc. — \$7,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Cañon Literacy Center, Inc. — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Chaffee County (Salida)
 - \$10,000 for Department of Public Health mental health summit and resource fairs; regional council
 - \$2,500 for Department of Public Health's Aging Well Coalition; regional merit
- Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. (Westcliffe) — \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- elevateHER (Buena Vista) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Elevating Readers Together (Salida)—\$2,500 for book vending machines in Chaffee County schools; regional merit
- Far View Horse Rescue (Fairplay) — \$5,000 for hay and feed; Sally Beck Fund
- Florence Senior Community Center — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Fremont Adventure Recreation (Cañon City) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Full Circle Restorative Justice (Salida) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Hope House Cañon City — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- PeaceWorks, Inc. (Bailey) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Wet Mt Valley Saddle Club, Inc. (Westcliffe) — \$2,500 for youth programs; regional merit

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$37,500 to organizations in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — June 25, 2024 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$37,500 allocated to three nonprofit organizations and government entities in the High Country region at the Foundation’s May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Blue River Horse Center, Inc. (Silverthorne) — \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- City of Leadville — \$25,000 for Leadville historic context study; competitive
- League for Animals and People of the Summit (Frisco) — \$7,500 for veterinary assistance and spay/neuter services; Freda Hambrick Fund

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$173,500 to organizations in the North region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 25, 2024—El Pomar Trustees approved \$173,500 allocated to 21 nonprofit organizations in the North region at the Foundation’s May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- A Kid's Place (Greeley) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- A Woman's Place, Inc. (Greeley) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Aims Community College Foundation (Greeley) — \$5,000 for student scholarships; regional merit
- Arc of Weld County (Greeley) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Azteca Boxing Club (Greeley) — \$25,000 for youth program expansion; competitive
- Birthline of Loveland — \$5,000 for maternity home; competitive
- Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center (Longmont) — \$10,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Community Foundation of Northern Colorado (Fort Collins) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Awards for Excellence Nominating Review Committee merit
- Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (Estes Park)
 - \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee merit
 - \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Friends of Lackota Animal Sanctuary (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Front Range Freedom Rescue, Inc. (Boulder) — \$5,000 for care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Good Life Refuge (Longmont) — \$5,000 for care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Happiness Through Horses (Fort Lupton) — \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Humane Society of Boulder Valley, Inc. — \$10,000 for adoption services; Hambrick Fund
- KidsPak (Loveland) — \$20,000 for food distribution center and warehouse; competitive
- Meals on Wheels, Inc. for Loveland and Berthoud Colorado — \$10,000 for Wellness Beyond Nutrition program; competitive
- Medicine Horse Program (Longmont) — \$3,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Peaks to People Water Fund (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 for Big Thompson Watershed Health Partnership; competitive
- Respite Care, Inc. (Fort Collins) — \$20,000 for new facility; competitive
- Rocky Mountain Conservancy (Estes Park) — \$10,000 for emergency response trailer; Wildland Fire Fund
- University of Colorado Foundation (Denver)
 - \$10,000 for Kenneth M. Montera Leeds School of Business Endowed Scholarship Fund; Trustee merit
 - \$5,000 for CU Boulder President's Leadership Class; Trustee regional merit

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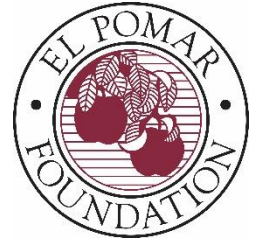
The Wildland Fire Fund assists with immediate emergency needs of volunteer firefighting agencies and first responders throughout the state of Colorado. Started in 2002 in response to the Hayman Fire, the Wildland Fire Fund has awarded more than \$6 million in grants over 22 years.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$90,000 to organizations in the Northeast region

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- Brush Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation (Brush) — \$5,000 for Brush Area Chamber of Commerce general operating support; regional merit
- Center for Healing Trauma and Attachment, Inc. (Wiggins) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Cheyenne Wells Volunteer Fire Department — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- City of Wray — \$50,000 for Wray Public Library outdoor community space; competitive
- Fort Sedgwick Historical Society (Julesburg) — \$5,000 for South Platte River Trail Historic Byway; regional merit
- Rising Up (Fort Morgan) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- West Cheyenne Fire Protection District (Kit Carson) — \$2,500 for new tanker truck; regional merit
- Wray Community Child Care Center — \$5,000 for needs assessment for new building; regional merit

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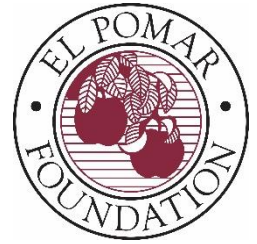
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$122,500 to organizations in the Northwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 25, 2024—El Pomar Trustees approved \$122,500 allocated to 15 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Northwest region at the Foundation’s May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- American Rivers, Inc. (Washington D.C.) — \$5,000 for work in Routt and Garfield Counties; regional merit
- Andy Zanca Youth Empowerment Program (Carbondale) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Colorado (Craig) — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- City of Craig — \$50,000 for 8th Street redevelopment project; competitive
- District 51 Foundation (Grand Junction) — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, Inc. (Grand Junction) — \$2,500 for rent assistance program; regional merit
- High Fives Nonprofit Foundation (Truckee, Calif.) — \$5,000 for Glenwood Springs Return to Dirt program; regional merit
- Mountain Family Center (Granby) — \$2,500 for Bountiful Baskets program; Trustee regional merit
- National Sports Center for the Disabled, Inc. (Denver) — \$2,500 for direct care of equines in the therapeutic horseback riding program in Granby; Sally Beck Fund
- Riverside Educational Center (Grand Junction) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre (Grand Lake) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Steamboat Springs Discovery Learning Center — \$10,000 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club, Inc. — \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- TANK Center for Sonic Arts, Inc. (Rangely) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Totally Kids, Inc. (Hayden) — \$5,000 for Totally Kids Hayden Branch; regional merit

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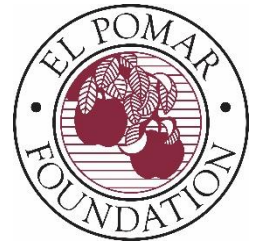
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$112,300 to nonprofits in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 25, 2024—El Pomar Trustees approved \$112,300 allocated to 21 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Juan region at the Foundation’s May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, Inc. (Montrose) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Calvary Ranch Colorado (Montrose) — \$7,500 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- CASA of the Seventh Judicial District, Inc. (Montrose) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Awards for Excellence Nominating Review Committee merit
- CB Avalanche Center, Inc. (Crested Butte) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Common Ground Montrose, Inc. — \$2,500 for Kids Aid Montrose; regional merit
- Delta County Joint School District 50J (Delta)
 - \$5,000 for Delta High School choir uniforms; regional merit
 - \$5,000 for The Nature Connection; regional merit
- Friends of the Wright Opera House, Inc. (Ouray) — \$5,000 for AV equipment and furnishings; regional merit
- Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League, Inc. — \$5,000 for care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Gunnison Watershed School District RE-1J — \$2,500 for peer mentoring and tutoring; regional merit
- North Fork Valley Creative Coalition (Paonia) — \$2,000 for Artful Aging program; competitive
- PEER Kindness, Inc. (Montrose) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Pinion Ridge Ranch, Inc. (Montrose) — \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Rainbow School and Daycare Center, Inc. (Telluride) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- San Miguel Mentoring Program (Telluride)
 - \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
 - \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Second Chance Humane Society, Inc. (Ridgway) — \$10,000 for Community Veterinary Medical Assistance program; Hambrick Fund
- Six Points Evaluation and Training, Inc. (Gunnison) — \$7,800 for new vehicle for client transportation; regional council
- Telluride Adaptive Ski Program — \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Town of Lake City — \$5,000 for Lake City Ice Wall; regional council
- Uncompahgre Combined Clinics (Norwood) — \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Unify America (Evanston, Ill.) — \$2,500 for Unify Montrose; regional merit
- West End Economic Development Corporation (Naturita) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit

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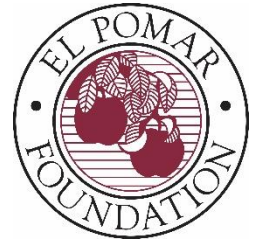
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$44,000 to organizations in the San Luis Valley

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 25, 2024—El Pomar Trustees approved \$44,000 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Luis Valley at the Foundation’s May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Adams State University Foundation, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$10,000 for School of Nursing infant and pediatric mannequins; competitive
- CASA del Valle, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- City of Creede — \$5,000 for food for youth at the Virginia Christensen multi-use facility; regional merit
- Manassa Saddle Club, Inc. — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society (Alamosa) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$4,000 for Homebound meal delivery service; regional council
- Town of San Luis — \$5,000 for Sangre de Cristo Cultural Heritage Center piano; competitive
- Valley Citizens Foundation for Health Care, Inc. (Del Norte) — \$10,000 for cottage and geodome homes in the Community Wellness Center; regional council

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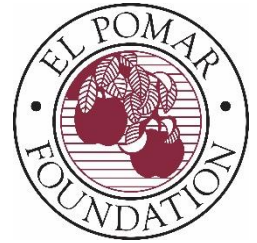
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$1,200,000 to organizations in the Southeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 25, 2024— El Pomar Trustees approved \$1,200,000 allocated to 24 nonprofit organizations in the Southeast region at the Foundation’s May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Blue Rose Ranch, Inc. (Springfield) — \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Christlife Ministries (Pueblo) — \$5,000 for Metanoia Houses; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Colorado State Fair Foundation (Pueblo)
 - \$1,000,000 for Sam Brown Family Pavilion capital campaign; competitive
 - \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- Colorado State University - Pueblo Foundation — \$5,000 for athletics operations and programs; Trustee merit
- Eighth Street Baptist Church of Pueblo — \$5,000 for NAACP Pueblo Unit 4005; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) — \$2,500 for general operating support; Awards for Excellence Nominating Review Committee merit
- Kim Equine Pavilion and Education Center, Inc. — \$10,000 for building renovation; competitive
- La Veta Trails, Inc. — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Latino Chamber Development Corporation, Inc. (Pueblo) — \$5,000 for 2024 Pueblo Latino Veterans - Legacies of Courage; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Mariposa Center for Safety (Pueblo) — \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Morning Star Creations, Inc. (Pueblo) — \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Museum of Boulder — \$2,500 for Pueblo MLK Jr. Holiday Commission; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Neighborworks Southern Colorado (Pueblo) — \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Posada (Pueblo) — \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Empowerment Community Development Corporation — \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation
 - \$2,500 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
 - \$5,000 for Ray Aguilera Founder's Scholarship; Trustee merit
- Pueblo Zoological Society — \$2,500 for general operating support; Awards for Excellence Nominating Review Committee merit
- Rocky Mountain S.E.R. Jobs for Progress, Inc. (Denver) — \$2,500 for Pueblo County Blessing Boxes; Elevating Leadership Development merit

- School District 60 Education Foundation, Inc. (Pueblo) — \$5,000 for Vocabulary Challenge at Columbian and Minnequa Elementary Schools; Trustee merit
- Spanish Peaks Community Foundation, Inc. (Walsenburg) — \$30,000 for Phase 2 of Fox Theatre renovation; competitive
- State Historical Society of Colorado the Colorado State Museum (Denver) — \$50,000 for Hands-On History program; competitive
- The Colorado Youth Outdoors Charitable Trust (Fort Collins) — \$5,000 for Southeast Colorado general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Tri-County Family Care Center, Inc. (Rocky Ford) — \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation (Kansas City, Mo.) — \$5,000 for Veterans of Foreign Wars Minnequa Post 3641 in Pueblo; Elevating Leadership Development merit

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The Sally Beck Fund supports organizations providing direct care to equines, therapeutic riding programs, equine education programs, and equine-related disaster response programs.

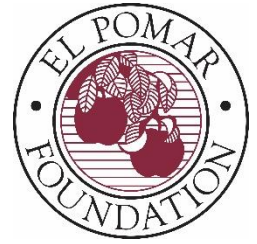
The Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) program – formerly Emerging Leaders Development - began in 2001 to help cultivate diverse leadership potential in Southern Colorado. The program convenes leaders of color in Colorado Springs and Pueblo, empowering them to engage in professional development opportunities and take on community leadership roles. ELD provides scholarships to leadership development programs and introduces participants to civic engagement opportunities such as service on nonprofit and statewide boards and commissions.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$81,000 to organizations in the Southwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo.—June 25, 2024—El Pomar Trustees approved \$81,000 allocated to 10 nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Southwest region at the Foundation’s May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (Bayfield) — \$2,500 for Wreaths Across America in Southwest Colorado; regional merit
- Cancer Resource Alliance (Cortez) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program (Cortez) — \$45,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Know Your Dough (Durango) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Rico Center — \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- San Juan Symphony (Durango) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance (Cortez) — \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Trails 2000, Inc. (Durango) — \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- United Way of Southwest Colorado (Durango) — \$2,500 for Pagosa Outreach Connection; regional merit
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (Towaoc) — \$3,500 for Kwiyyagat Community Academy field trips to Crow Canyon Archaeological Center; regional council

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