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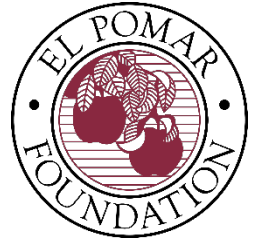
February 2025 Regional Grant Announcements

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 2025. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's February 2025 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 \$10,000 to organization in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — April 8, 2025 — During its February Trustees meeting, El Pomar Trustees approved a \$10,000 grant through the Foundation’s competitive application process for Meals on Wheels of Cañon City Colorado, Inc. for general operating support.

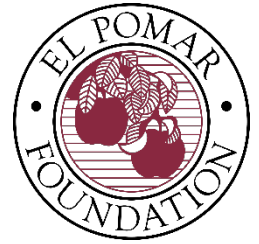
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$72,500 to organizations in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — April 8, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$72,500 allocated to four nonprofit organizations in the High Country region at the Foundation’s February Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (Denver) – \$30,000 for architectural and engineering design support for the Avon Vail Valley Arena; Hybl Fund
- Foresight Ski Guides, Inc. (Vail) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Full Circle of Lake County, Inc. (Leadville) – \$25,000 for social emotional learning and out-of-school time program; competitive
- Mountain Valley Horse Rescue (McCoy) – \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund

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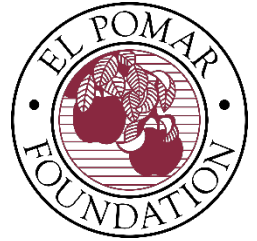
The Bill and Kathy Hybl Fund supports Olympic, Paralympic, and youth sports. Bill Hybl, a lifetime public servant, has long been dedicated to amateur sport. Currently chairman of the United States Olympic Endowment, he believes the ideals of excellence, fair play, and hard work through sport are important for athletes as well as children.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$35,000 to organizations in the North region

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- Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver – \$30,000 for Samaritan House Greeley general operating support; competitive
- Rocky Mountain French Bulldog Rescue (Boulder) – \$5,000 for direct care of animals; Hambrick Fund

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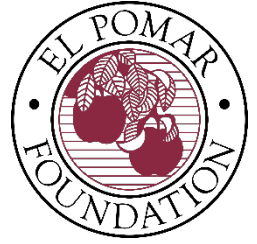
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$27,000 to organizations in the Northeast region

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- A Cat Rescue Out In The Sticks (Eckley) – \$2,000 for direct care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Wray Community District Hospital – \$25,000 for new emergency power generator; competitive

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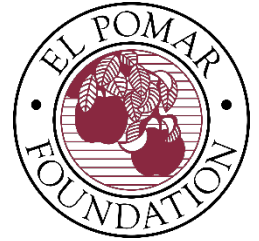
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$107,500 to organizations in the Northwest region

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- Granby Play Days Preschool – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Integrated Community (Steamboat Springs) – \$10,000 for youth mental health services; competitive
- Marillac Clinic, Inc. (Grand Junction) – \$50,000 for new health clinic; competitive
- Pegasus Bridge to Wellness (Grand Junction) – \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- River Center of New Castle, Inc. – \$10,000 for community needs; competitive
- Roaring Fork Schools Foundation (Carbondale) – \$5,000 for Roaring Fork Precollegiate program; competitive
- Roaring Fork Valley Early Learning Fund (Glenwood Springs) – \$7,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Roice-Hurst Humane Society, Inc. (Grand Junction) – \$7,500 for Jake's Fund for veterinary care; Hambrick Fund
- Shining Stars Foundation (Tabernash) – \$5,000 for All-Stars program; competitive
- Yampa Valley Sustainability Council (Steamboat Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive

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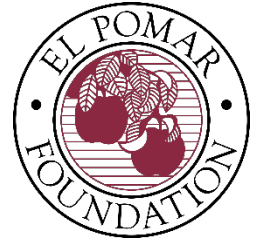
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$37,500 to organizations in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — April 8, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$37,500 allocated to four nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Juan region at the Foundation's February Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Dream Catcher Therapy Center, Inc. (Olathe) – \$12,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Hispanic Affairs Project (Montrose) – \$5,000 for local school district programs; regional merit
- Town of Nucla – \$15,000 for Nucla Community Center renovation; competitive
- Uncompahgre Nordic Association (Montrose) – \$5,000 for cross country skiing winter trail maintenance; regional merit

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$50,000 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

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- Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute (Denver) – \$10,000 for rural English and Spanish entrepreneur program; competitive
- San Luis Valley Development Resources Group (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for economic outreach and engagement; competitive
- San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition (Alamosa) – \$20,000 for solar infrastructure at Rio Grande Farm Park; competitive
- Sargent Youth Sports (Monte Vista) – \$10,000 for baseball field renovation; competitive

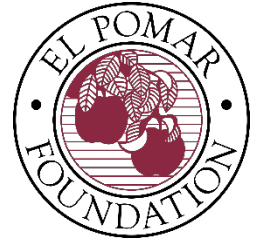
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$31,000 to organizations in the Southeast region

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- City of Pueblo – \$11,000 for fire department personal protective equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Pueblo Zoological Society – \$5,000 for updated veterinary equipment; Hambrick Fund
- Sangre de Cristo Hospice & Palliative Care (Pueblo) – \$15,000 for purchase of 10 patient beds; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$275,000 to organizations in the Southwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — April 8, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$275,000 allocated to 20 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Southwest region at the Foundation's February Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- A Safe Place in Pagosa, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Aspire Medical Services and Education (Pagosa Springs) – \$10,000 for counseling program; regional council
- Boys and Girls Club of La Plata County, Inc. (Durango) – \$10,000 for youth programming; regional council
- Build Pagosa, Inc. – \$50,000 for Regional Workforce Center; competitive
- Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado (Durango) – \$10,000 for CAUSE Internship; regional council
- Cortez Fire Protection District – \$7,500 for radios, personal protective equipment, and accessories; Wildland Fire Fund
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) – \$10,000 for youth mental health programming; regional council
- Manna-The Durango Soup Kitchen – \$5,000 for food security programs; regional council
- Montezuma County Historical Society, Inc. (Cortez) – \$7,500 for youth programming; regional council
- Montezuma School to Farm Project (Cortez) – \$20,000 for youth programming; regional council
- Pagosa Community Initiative – \$25,000 for youth programming; regional council
- Pagosa Peak Open School – \$10,000 for after-school programming; regional council
- Pine River Shares (Bayfield) – \$10,000 for food security initiatives; regional council
- RezDawg Rescue, Inc. (Lafayette) – \$15,000 for Ute Mountain Ute Reservation mobile veterinary clinic; Hambrick Fund
- San Juan County Public Health Service (Silverton) – \$15,000 for Silverton Food Collective; regional council
- Silverton Family Learning Center, Inc. – \$20,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Ignacio) – \$15,000 for Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; regional council
- The Good Samaritan Center (Cortez) – \$5,000 for food security programs; regional council
- The Powerhouse (Durango) – \$15,000 for new childcare center; regional council
- United Way of Southwest Colorado (Durango) – \$10,000 for Montezuma County Team UP; regional council

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