

EL POMAR FOUNDATION

May 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 July 2025. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's May 2025 Trustee meeting.

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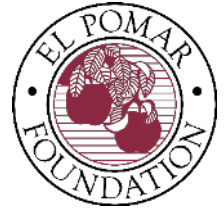
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$317,500 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 9, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$317,500 allocated to 17 nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation's May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Alliance Against Domestic Abuse (Salida) – \$30,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Inc. (Cañon City) – \$25,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Boys and Girls Club of South Park, Inc. (Fairplay) – \$10,000 for youth programs; regional council
- Boys and Girls Club of South Park, Inc. (Fairplay) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Chaffee County (Salida) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Chaffee County Community Foundation (Buena Vista) – \$30,000 for general operating support; regional council, regional merit
- Fremont Adventure Recreation (Cañon City) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (Salida) – \$25,000 for the community nature learning center; regional council
- Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (Salida) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- LifeBridge, Inc. (Bailey) – \$10,000 for fresh produce for food distribution packages; regional council
- Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative (Alma) – \$5,000 for youth summer programs; regional council
- Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center (Colorado Springs) – \$5,000 for Custer County Veterans Service Center; regional merit
- Northern Chaffee County Library District (Buena Vista) – \$37,500 for Buena Vista Public Library renovation and expansion; competitive
- Park County Senior Coalition (Fairplay) – \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council, regional merit
- Rocky Mountain Rural Health, Inc. (Fairplay) – \$15,000 for Community Assistance Fund; regional council
- South Park Food Bank (Fairplay) – \$5,000 for The Building Project; regional council
- South Park Food Bank (Fairplay) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Teller Park Early Childhood Council (Woodland Park) – \$5,000 for the Park County HIPPY program; regional merit
- West Central Mental Health Center, Inc. (Cañon City) – \$60,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation, Inc. (Westcliffe) – \$5,000 for Custer County Kids Council after-school programming; regional merit

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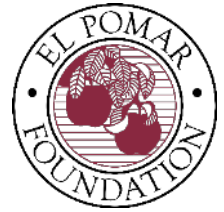
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$437,500 to organizations in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 9, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$437,500 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations and government agencies 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:

- Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center – \$30,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Clear Creek County (Georgetown) – \$87,500 for the Mountain Youth Network support; regional council
- Cloud City Conservation Center (Leadville) – \$5,000 for food distribution; competitive
- Full Circle of Lake County, Inc. (Leadville) – \$260,000 for youth programs; regional council
- International Mountain Bicycling Association (Avon) – \$5,000 for Vail Valley general operating support; competitive
- SOS Outreach (Avon) – \$20,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Summit Economic Partnership (Frisco) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation, Inc. (Leadville) – \$25,000 for roof replacement; competitive

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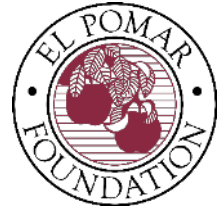
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$180,000 organizations in the North region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 9, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$180,000 allocated to 17 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) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- A Woman's Place, Inc. (Greeley) – \$50,000 for a new building; competitive
- Aims Community College Foundation (Greeley) – \$10,000 for scholarships for aviation and health and nursing students; regional merit
- Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County (Fort Collins) – \$20,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Arc of Northeast Colorado (Greeley) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Center for Family Outreach, Inc. (Fort Collins) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Colorado State University Foundation (Fort Collins) – \$5,000 for 4-H program leaders trip to Washington, D.C.; regional merit
- Denver Rescue Mission – \$10,000 for a new Fort Collins homeless shelter; regional merit
- Early Childhood Council of Larimer County (Fort Collins) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Estes Valley Crisis Advocates (Estes Park) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (Estes Park) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Family Learning Center, Inc. (Boulder) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Habitat For Humanity International, Inc. (Greeley) – \$10,000 for construction and technical education program; competitive
- Outreach Fort Collins – \$5,000 for homelessness reduction programs; competitive
- Pawnee Historical Society (Grover) – \$10,000 for the Grover Depot renovation; competitive
- University of Colorado Foundation (Denver) – \$10,000 for the Summer Bridge program at CU Boulder; Trustee regional merit
- Weld Legacy Foundation (Greeley) – \$10,000 for Bright Futures general operating support; regional merit

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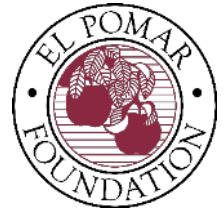
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$84,000 to organizations in the Northeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 9, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$84,000 allocated to 13 nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Northeast region at the Foundation's May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Akron Balanced Child Development Center, Inc. – \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Fort Sedgwick Historical Society (Julesburg) – \$10,000 for the South Platte River Trail; regional merit
- Haxtun Education Foundation, Inc. – \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Holyoke Community Childcare Initiative – \$20,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit, regional merit
- Kit Carson Rural Development – \$5,000 for community housing; regional merit
- Logan County Economic Development Corporation (Sterling) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Prairie View Health Resources, Inc. (Cheyenne Wells) – \$5,000 for the Hospital Week health fair; regional merit
- Rural Communities Resource Center (Yuma) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Sunshine Childcare at Northeastern (Sterling) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Town of Seibert – \$5,000 for the community mural; competitive
- Trinity Lutheran Church (Fort Morgan) – \$15,000 for the elementary school program; competitive
- Trinity Lutheran Early Education Center (Sterling) – \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Wray Community Child Care Center – \$1,000 for general operating support; regional council

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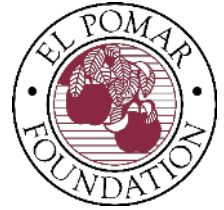
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$160,000 to organizations in the Northwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 9, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$160,000 allocated to 16 nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Northwest region at the Foundation's May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Alpine Legal Services, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Ascendigo Autism Services, Inc. (Carbondale) – \$5,000 for in-school programs; competitive
- Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Colorado (Craig) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- City of Grand Junction – \$25,000 for the Matchett Park Community Recreation Center; competitive
- Colorado Discover Ability (Grand Junction) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive, regional merit
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Colorado National Monument Association (Fruita) – \$5,000 for the Resiliency Ranger program; regional merit
- Friends of Youth and Nature (Hotchkiss) – \$5,000 for programs for Mesa County youth; regional merit
- Habitat for Humanity International of the Roaring Fork Valley (Glenwood Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Harmonie House (Craig) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Mesa County Valley School District 51 (Gateway) – \$50,000 for the Outdoor Wilderness Lab; regional council
- NorthWest Colorado Center for Independence (Steamboat Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Riverside Educational Center (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Smiling Goat Ranch, Inc. (Carbondale) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Totally Kids, Inc. (Hayden) – \$5,000 for equipment for children with special needs; regional merit
- Yampa Valley Sustainability Council (Steamboat Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit

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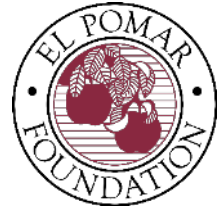
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$70,000 to organizations in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 9, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$70,000 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations in the San Juan region at the Foundation's May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Delta Health Foundation – \$5,000 for general scholarship fund; regional merit
- Delta Health Foundation – \$5,000 for the Nurses Scholarship Fund; regional merit
- Gunnison Country Food Pantry – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Lake City Downtown Improvement & Revitalization Team, Inc. – \$10,000 for the ADA-compliant playground; competitive
- Mesa County Land Conservancy, Inc. (Grand Junction) – \$7,500 for Delta County general operating support; regional merit
- Mountain Roots Food Project (Gunnison) – \$10,000 for food security programs; competitive
- Mountain Roots Food Project (Gunnison) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- North Fork Valley Public Radio, Inc. (Paonia) – \$10,000 for local community and news programs; competitive
- Valley Housing Fund (Gunnison) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Western Slope Conservation Center (Paonia) – \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit

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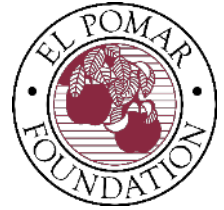
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$82,000 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

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- Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$2,000 for the Little Learners Early Childhood Academy; regional merit
- Care and Share, Inc. (Colorado Springs) – \$7,500 for the San Luis Valley Care and Share Mobile Food Truck program; regional merit
- Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation (Westminster) – \$15,000 for the San Luis Valley housing development program; competitive
- Costilla County (San Luis) – \$10,000 for supplemental and emergency food programs; competitive
- Creede Repertory Theatre, Inc. – \$20,000 for audio equipment upgrades; competitive
- National Veterans Hiring Association (Alamosa) – \$3,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for the Sundays at Six concert series; competitive
- San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for the San Luis Valley Educators' Conference; regional merit
- The HadaNou Collective (Denver) – \$5,000 for the Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center; regional merit
- Tu Casa Incorporated (Alamosa) – \$6,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Upper Rio Grande Animal Society (Monte Vista) – \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit

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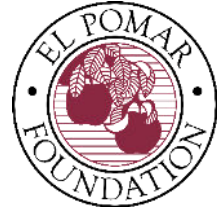
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$410,626 to organizations in the Southeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 9, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$410,626 allocated to 27 nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Southeast region at the Foundation's May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Arthur Roy Mitchell Memorial, Inc. (Trinidad) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Boulder Historical Society, Inc. – \$5,000 for the Pueblo MLK Jr. Holiday Commission; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Christlife Ministries (Pueblo West) – \$5,000 for Metanoia Houses; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- City of Lamar – \$5,000 for bulletproof vests for police department; competitive
- City of Las Animas – \$50,000 for upgraded recreation facilities; competitive
- Colorado State Fair Foundation (Pueblo) – \$85,626 for the El Pomar Intern and Ambassador Program; competitive
- Halfway Home (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) – \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Las Animas Bent County Fire Protection District – \$10,000 for wildland hose and brush pants; Wildland Fire Fund
- Las Animas County Veterans' Council (Trinidad) – \$40,000 for Fort Wootton Veterans' Memorial Square renovation; competitive, regional council
- Mad Fresh Productions (Pueblo) – \$10,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Mariposa Center for Safety (Pueblo) – \$10,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Mt. Carmel Wellness & Community Center (Trinidad) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- POSADA (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo African American Concern Organization, Inc. – \$5,000 for scholarships for minority students in Pueblo County; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Child Advocacy Center, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo County Veterans Alliance, Inc. (Colorado Springs) – \$10,000 for Pueblo Latino Veterans Legacies of Courage Awards program; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Empowerment Community Development Corporation – \$10,000 for the REAAP Reading Clinic; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo School District 60 – \$10,000 for the Corwin International Magnet Middle School auditorium stage drapes; regional merit

- Pueblo School District 70 – \$7,500 for the Pueblo West High School Mock Trial program; regional merit
- Rocky Mountain S.E.R. Jobs for Progress, Inc. (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for Pueblo County Blessing Boxes; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Rocky Mountain S.E.R. Jobs for Progress, Inc. (Pueblo) – \$10,000 for youth programming; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Southern Colorado Developmental Disabilities Services (Trinidad) – \$15,000 for the resource library; regional council
- Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association (Pueblo) – \$10,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation (Kansas City, Mo.) – \$10,000 for Veterans of Foreign Wars Minnequa Post 3641 in Pueblo; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Young Men's Christian Association of Pueblo, Colorado – \$50,000 for the new turf sports field; competitive

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The Elevating Leadership Development (ELD) program 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 funding support to attend leadership development programs and introduces participants to civic engagement opportunities such as service on nonprofit and statewide boards and commissions.

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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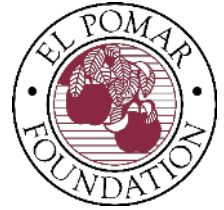
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$100,000 to organizations in the Southwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — July 9, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$100,000 allocated to seven 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:

- Crow Canyon Archaeological Center (Cortez) – \$15,000 for the Multiple Voices Enrich the Study of Archaeology program; competitive
- Dolores County School District RE-2J (Dove Creek) – \$20,000 for elementary summer school programming; regional council
- Dove Creek Care and Share Food Pantry (Cahone) – \$5,000 for food stock procurement; regional council
- Dove Creek Care and Share Food Pantry (Cahone) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Durango Youth Baseball – \$20,000 for lighting for Alpine Bank Fields; competitive; regional merit
- Durango Youth Baseball – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- San Juan 2000 Development Association (Silverton) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Silverton School District – \$10,000 for the Family Engagement Center; regional merit
- United Way of Southwest Colorado (Durango) – \$5,000 for Pagosa Outreach Connection; regional merit

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general-purpose grant making. The competitive process remains the Foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding. Additionally, over the last 88 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a number of other funds, as well as presenting merit grants in each region recommended by Trustees and regional council members. Competitive applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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