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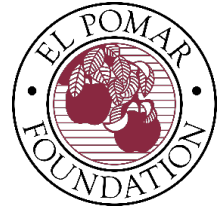
July 2025 Regional Grant Announcements

The following document is a collection of nine press releases sent by El Pomar Foundation to media outlets in rural regions across Colorado in September 2025. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's July 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 \$212,500 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — September 4, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$212,500 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation's July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- CASA of Pueblo – \$5,000 for Heart of Colorado general operating support; regional merit
- Chaffee County Amateur Hockey Association (Salida) – \$25,000 for public ice arena; competitive
- Colorado Foundation For Water Education (Denver) – \$10,000 for Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and/or Park County general operating support; regional merit
- Fremont RE-1 School District (Cañon City) – \$5,000 for South Central Early Childhood Sector Partnership convening; regional council
- Greater Cañon City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. – \$7,500 for Royal Gorge Farmers Market; competitive
- Greater Cañon City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. – \$5,000 for Gateway Depot renovation; Trustee regional merit
- Greater Cañon City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Park County Senior Coalition (Fairplay) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Pueblo Community College Foundation – \$5,000 for Fremont Campus general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation, Inc. (Westcliffe) – \$135,000 for Focus Forward Fund; regional council

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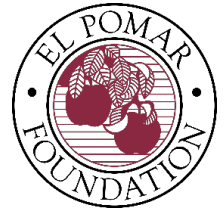
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$575,000 to organizations in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — September 4, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$575,000 allocated to 12 nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the High Country region at the Foundation's July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Aspen Hope Center (Basalt) – \$100,000 for Pitkin County Schools clinicians; regional council
- Building Hope Summit County (Frisco) – \$5,000 for middle and high school youth mental health support; Trustee regional merit
- Building Hope Summit County (Frisco) – \$130,000 for Family Connectedness Program; regional council
- Clear Creek Rock House (Idaho Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Cloud City Conservation Center (Leadville) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Eagle River Youth Coalition, Inc. (Edwards) – \$20,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Eagle Valley Senior Life, Inc. (Avon) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- English In Action (Basalt) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Foundation of Trustees for the Family Learning Center (Edwards) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Summit Community Care Clinic, Inc. (Frisco) – \$25,000 for acquisition and renovation of pediatric dental clinic; competitive
- Summit Community Care Clinic, Inc. (Frisco) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Summit County (Breckenridge) – \$15,000 for Mountain Mentors program; competitive and Trustee regional merit
- Summit County Family Resource Center (Breckenridge) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Vail Health Services Foundation – \$10,000 for Olivia's Fund; regional merit and regional council

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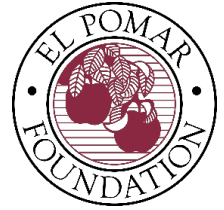
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$90,000 organizations in the North region

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- Boys and Girls Club of Weld County, Inc. (Greeley) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Bridge House (Boulder) – \$15,000 for Ready to Work program; competitive
- CARE Housing, Inc. (Fort Collins) – \$2,500 for general operating support; regional council
- Elderhaus Adult Day Program, Inc. (Fort Collins) – \$15,000 for outdoor recreation space improvements; competitive
- Estes Nonprofit Network (Estes Park) – \$2,500 for general operating support; regional council
- First Responder Trauma Services (Windsor) – \$2,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Little Willows (Loveland) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- North Range Behavioral Health (Greeley) – \$2,500 for general operating support; regional council
- University of Colorado Foundation (Denver) – \$10,000 for CU Boulder President's Leadership Class; Trustee merit
- University of Colorado Foundation (Denver) – \$15,000 for The Summer Bridge Program; Trustee merit
- University of Colorado Foundation (Denver) – \$10,000 for Kenneth M. Montera Leeds School of Business Endowed Scholarship Fund; Trustee merit

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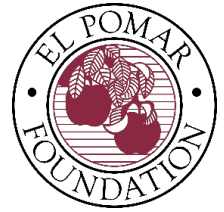
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$225,000 to organizations in the Northeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — September 4, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$225,000 allocated to six nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Northeast region at the Foundation's July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Akron Balanced Child Development Center, Inc. – \$85,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Country Living Learning Center (Kit Carson) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- The Cubs Den (Idalia) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- East Cheyenne Recreation District (Cheyenne Wells) – \$25,000 for Smoky River Golf Course infrastructure upgrade; competitive
- Little Sprouts Learning Center (Haxtun) – \$85,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Summit Early Education Learning Center (Wiggins) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council

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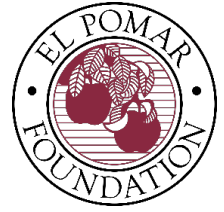
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$70,000 to organizations in the Northwest region

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- Doors 2 Success (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for senior supportive services; competitive
- Family Visitor Program of Garfield County, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Love INC of the Yampa Valley (Craig) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Lower Valley Hospital Association (Fruita) – \$25,000 for new nurse call system; competitive
- Mountain Valley Developmental Services, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Toilet Equity (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Warhorse Ranch (Steamboat Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Yampa Valley Autism Program (Steamboat Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive

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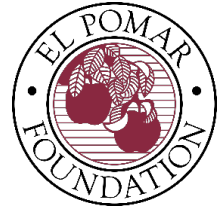
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$97,500 to organizations in the San Juan region

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- Calvary Ranch Colorado (Montrose) – \$7,500 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- CB Avalanche Center, Inc. (Crested Butte) – \$7,500 for avalanche forecasting program; competitive
- Fire Adapted Colorado (Montrose) – \$10,000 for general operating support; Wildland Fire Fund
- Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority (Gunnison) – \$20,000 for VHF radio repeater replacement; competitive
- Montrose Regional Library District – \$6,000 for Naturita Library; Trustee regional merit
- Montrose Regional Library District – \$4,000 for outreach services; Trustee regional merit
- Ridgway Chautauqua Society, Inc. – \$8,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Rimrocker Historical Society of Western Montrose County, Inc. (Nucla) – \$5,000 for document preservation and digitization; competitive
- San Miguel County (Norwood) – \$5,000 for Women, Infants, and Children program; regional merit
- Tri-County Health Network (Telluride) – \$7,500 for Skippy Dental Program; competitive
- Tri-County Health Network (Telluride) – \$5,000 for youth hangout space; regional merit
- West End Family Link Center (Nucla) – \$12,000 for general operating support; competitive and 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.

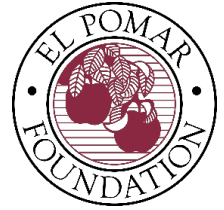
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$102,500 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — September 4, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$102,500 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the San Luis Valley region at the Foundation's July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Anna's Mission, Inc. (Center) – \$2,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$8,000 for Little Learners Early Childhood Academy; regional merit
- CASA del Valle (Alamosa) – \$30,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit and regional council
- Children's Specialty Clinic of San Luis Valley, Inc. (Monte Vista) – \$16,000 for transdisciplinary therapy summer camp; regional council
- Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for Launchpad 360 business incubator; competitive
- NOON Organization (Saguache) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Northerners Senior Citizens Association, Inc. (La Jara) – \$6,000 for general operating support; regional council
- San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Alamosa) – \$20,000 for bi-annual education conference; regional council

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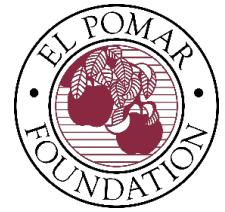
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$175,000 to organizations in the Southeast region

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- Colorado State Fair Foundation (Pueblo) – \$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 – \$10,000 for Pueblo NAACP Unit 4005; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- HARP Foundation (Pueblo) – \$75,000 for Boathouse and Riverwalk channel expansion; competitive
- Kiowa County Public Library District (Eads) – \$50,000 for Crow-Luther Cultural Events Center; competitive
- Pueblo Central High School Foundation – \$7,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Pueblo City-County Library District – \$5,000 for Lucero Library; Trustee merit
- Pueblo Zoological Society – \$12,500 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit and Trustee merit
- Tri-County Family Care Center, Inc. (Rocky Ford) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee merit

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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.

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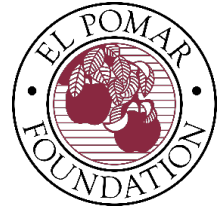
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$41,500 to organizations in the Southwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — September 4, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$41,500 allocated to six nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Southwest region at the Foundation's July Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- The Cortez Center, Inc. – \$5,000 for summer internship program; regional merit
- KUTE, Inc. (Ignacio) – \$5,000 for signal and transmission systems; competitive
- Mancos United – \$5,000 for summer school program; Trustee regional merit
- Our Community Eats (Pagosa Springs) – \$10,000 for capital improvements; competitive
- Silverton Public Library – \$11,500 for new computers; competitive
- Town of Dolores – \$5,000 for Dolores bike and skate park and path; regional merit

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