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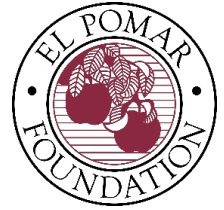
September 2025 Regional Grant Announcements

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 September 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 \$37,500 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — November 5, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$37,500 allocated to five nonprofit organizations in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation's September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Coalition for the Upper South Platte (Lake George) – \$5,000 for wildfire mitigation education; Wildland Fire Fund
- Far View Horse Rescue (Fairplay) – \$7,500 for the hay fund; Sally Beck Fund
- Guidestone (Salida) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Mini Blessings (Buena Vista) – \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Senior Services Solutions Plus (Cañon City) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive

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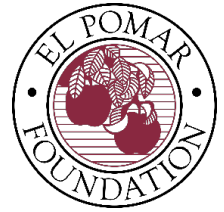
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$87,500 to organizations in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — November 5, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$87,500 allocated to 12 nonprofit organizations in the High Country region at the Foundation's September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- The Arts Campus at Willits (Basalt) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- BEN Colorado, Inc. (Denver) – \$7,500 for Rural Reach program; competitive
- Cloud City Conservation Center (Leadville) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Cycle Effect (Eagle) – \$10,000 for general operating support; Hybl Fund
- Eagle River Youth Coalition, Inc. (Edwards) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- High Five Access Media (Avon) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Hospice of the Valley, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- League for Animals and People of the Summit (Frisco) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Morning Star Child Care (Leadville) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Mountain Family Health Centers (Glenwood Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- TreeTop Child Advocacy Center (Frisco) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Unsheltered In Summit (Dillon) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive

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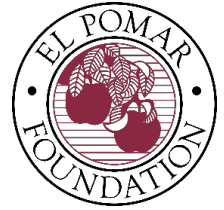
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$444,900 to organizations in the North region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — November 5, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$444,900 allocated to 33 nonprofit organizations in the North region at the Foundation's September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- A Friend 4U (Fort Collins) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Coal Creek Meals on Wheels (Lafayette) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Colorado Horse Rescue (Longmont) – \$10,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center (Longmont) – \$15,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Community Food Share, Inc. (Louisville) – \$25,000 for refrigerated box truck; competitive
- Community Food Share, Inc. (Louisville) – \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Crossroads Safehouse, Inc. (Fort Collins) – \$15,000 for building renovations; competitive
- Emergency Family Assistance Association, Inc. (Boulder) – \$30,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Envision, Creative Support for People with Developmental Disabilities (Evans) – \$24,375 for general operating support; regional council
- Estes Nonprofit Network (Estes Park) – \$16,025 for general operating support; regional council
- Family Center - La Familia (Fort Collins) – \$45,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Food Bank for Larimer County (Loveland) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Good Life Refuge (Longmont) – \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Grace Village (Wellington) – \$25,000 for Community Services Center and food pantry; competitive
- Greeley Transitional House, Inc. – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Growing Gardens of Boulder County (Boulder) – \$5,000 for care and feeding of goats; Hambrick Fund
- Hearts & Horses, Inc. (Loveland) – \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Homeward Alliance, Inc. (Fort Collins) – \$20,000 for Northern Colorado Continuum of Care; regional council
- Homeward Alliance, Inc. (Fort Collins) – \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Iron Horse Therapeutic Farm (Fort Collins) – \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Longmont Meals on Wheels, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Lutheran Social Service of Colorado (Denver) – \$15,000 for Larimer and Weld Counties general operating support; regional council
- Meals on Wheels for Fort Collins, Colorado, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Meals on Wheels of Boulder, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Meals on Wheels of Greeley, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Meals on Wheels, Inc. for Loveland and Berthoud Colorado – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Medicine Horse Program (Longmont) – \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund

- Plan de Salud del Valle, Inc. (Fort Lupton) – \$20,000 for Boulder, Larimer, and Weld County general operating support; regional council
- Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley (Longmont) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Senior Resource Services (Greeley) – \$17,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Stillwater Ranch, Inc. (Loveland) – \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Street Dog Coalition (Fort Collins) – \$5,000 for direct care of animals in Colorado; Hambrick Fund
- Sunrise Community Health (Evans) – \$20,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Weld Food Bank (Greeley) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional council

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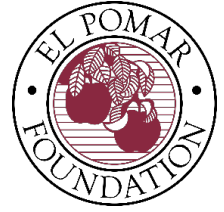
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$23,500 to organizations in the Northeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — November 5, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$23,500 allocated to four nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Northeast region at the Foundation's September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Little Rescue On the Prairie (Log Lane Village) – \$2,500 for direct care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Phillips County Family Education Services, Inc. (Holyoke) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Prairie Family Center (Burlington) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Wray Community District Hospital – \$1,000 for Emergency Department; staff merit

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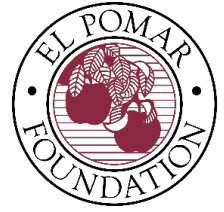
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$1,608,000 to organizations in the Northwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — November 5, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$1,608,000 allocated to 17 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Northwest region at the Foundation's September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- 21st Judicial District (Grand Junction) – \$213,000 for Lighthouse Navigator support; regional council
- Belvidere Foundation (Central City) – \$35,000 for Belvidere Theater Phase 2 renovation; competitive
- Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Colorado (Craig) – \$40,000 for Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds 2.0; regional council
- Colorado Mesa University Foundation (Grand Junction) – \$90,000 for Registered Apprenticeship program; regional council
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation, Inc. (Glenwood Springs) – \$17,000 for Ripple Effect program; regional council
- Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mesa County (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Foster Alumni Mentors (Grand Junction) – \$500 for general operating support; staff merit
- Grand Junction Soccer Club – \$5,000 for general operating support; Hybl Fund
- Harmony Acres Equestrian Center (Fruita) – \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Housing Resources of Western Colorado (Grand Junction) – \$25,000 for Mesa County weatherization program; regional council
- Mountain Family Health Centers (Glenwood Springs) – \$10,000 for Health for All program; Competitive
- Northwest Colorado Innovation Center (Craig) – \$150,000 for economic development programs; competitive
- Northwest Colorado Innovation Center (Craig) – \$140,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Routt County Humane Society, Inc. (Steamboat Springs) – \$10,000 for Trap-Neuter-Release program in Hayden; Hambrick Fund
- Rural Homes, LLC (Telluride) – \$750,000 for affordable housing in rural Colorado; program-related investment
- Valley Settlement (Glenwood Springs) – \$50,000 for building purchase and renovation; regional council
- WindWalkers Equine Assisted Learning and Therapy Center (Carbondale) – \$10,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Yampa Valley Autism Program (Steamboat Springs) – \$50,000 for new building renovation; regional council

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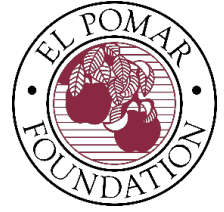
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$530,000 to organizations in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — November 5, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$530,000 allocated to 15 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Juan region at the Foundation's September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Adaptive Sports Center of Crested Butte, Inc. – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Crested Butte Society, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Delta County Joint School District 50J (Delta) – \$30,000 for The Nature Connection; regional council
- Friends of Youth and Nature (Hotchkiss) – \$60,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Gunnison County (Gunnison) – \$50,000 for Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project; regional council
- Gunnison Hinsdale Youth Services, Inc. (Gunnison) – \$60,000 for general operating support; regional council
- LFMG Music Academy (Montrose) – \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Maslow Academy of Applied Learning, Inc. (Montrose) – \$10,000 for kitchen floor replacement; competitive
- Montrose Recreation District – \$75,000 for Generation Wild of the Uncompahgre; regional council
- Norwood Fire Protection District – \$5,000 for general operating support; Wildland Fire Fund
- Olathe Fire Protection District – \$5,000 for general operating support; Wildland Fire Fund
- Ouray County Schools Community Resource Consortium (Ridgway) – \$60,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Project 1.27 (Aurora) – \$10,000 for Western Slope foster and adoptive family support program; competitive
- Tri-County Health Network (Telluride) – \$45,000 for The Shed; regional council
- Weehawken Creative Arts (Ridgway) – \$90,000 for general operating support; regional council

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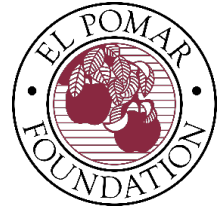
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$37,000 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

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- Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$1,000 for early childhood learning center; staff merit
- Center for Restorative Programs (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Illuminate Colorado, Inc. (Denver) – \$20,000 for childcare in rural counties; competitive
- La Puente Home, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$1,000 to support staff well-being; staff merit
- Lucky Shoe Ranch (Monte Vista) – \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive

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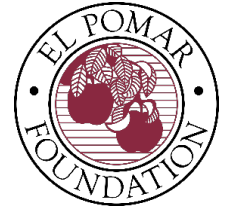
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$412,500 to organizations in the Southeast region

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- Bent County Community Center (Las Animas) – \$30,000 for youth after-school programs; regional council
- Blue Rose Ranch, Inc. (Springfield) – \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County (Pueblo) – \$75,000 for general operating support; regional council
- C Cubed Training (Rye) – \$10,000 for Rural Tech Forward: Building Skills for Tomorrow event; regional council
- City of Pueblo – \$5,000 for Parks and Recreation healthy eating kitchen program; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Domestic Safety Resource Center (Lamar) – \$20,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Friends of Lamar Hope Center, Inc. – \$20,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Lamar Area Hospice Association – \$7,500 for Children's Good Grief group; regional council
- Latin American Educational Foundation (Denver) – \$5,000 for Pueblo area scholarships; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Main Street Live Ltd. (Trinidad) – \$10,000 for fall youth theatre workshop series; regional council
- Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center (Colorado Springs) – \$5,000 for Pueblo general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Mt. Carmel Wellness & Community Center (Trinidad) – \$50,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Pueblo Cooperative Care Center – \$7,500 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc. – \$2,500 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Steam Works – \$50,000 for Leonardo da Vinci Museum of North America and STEAM Science Center; regional council
- Rocky Mountain S.E.R. Jobs for Progress, Inc. (Denver) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- SafeSide Foundation (Wheat Ridge) – \$60,000 for The Pueblo Shelter; competitive
- Sangre de Cristo Hospice & Palliative Care (Pueblo) – \$25,000 for nurse simulation laboratory; competitive
- South Central Council of Governments (Trinidad) – \$7,500 for Trinidad Early Learning Center; regional council
- Youth Club of Trinidad, Inc. – \$10,000 for enrichment program; regional council

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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.

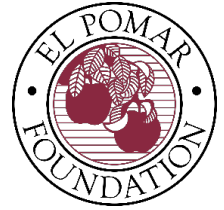
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$150,000 to organizations in the Southwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — November 5, 2025 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$150,000 allocated to 23 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Southwest region at the Foundation's September Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado (Durango) – \$20,000 for America 250-Colorado 150 Southwest Local Organizing Committee; regional council
- Crow Canyon Archaeological Center (Cortez) – \$1,000 for general operating support; staff merit
- Dove Creek Care and Share Food Pantry (Cahone) – \$2,500 for food security initiatives; regional council
- Durango Devo – \$5,000 for general operating support; Hybl Fund
- Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) – \$2,500 for food security initiatives; regional council
- Housing Solutions for the Southwest, Inc. (Durango) – \$5,000 for Housing Our Workforce Locally program; regional merit
- Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Inc. – \$10,000 for emergency medical assistance; Hambrick Fund
- Ignacio School District 11JT – \$10,000 for Title VI general operating support; regional merit
- LASSO (La Salle) – \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Manna-The Durango Soup Kitchen – \$2,500 for food security initiatives; regional council
- Medicine Horse Center - Therapeutic Riding & Equine Rehabilitation (Mancos) – \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Montezuma County Public Health (Cortez) – \$1,000 for RISE Southwest Suicide Prevention Walk; regional council
- Pine River Shares (Bayfield) – \$2,500 for food security initiatives; regional council
- RezDawg Rescue, Inc. (Lafayette) – \$500 for general operating support; staff merit
- Rico Fire Protection District – \$5,000 for general operating support; Wildland Fire Fund
- Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation (Pagosa Springs) – \$10,000 for 100 Extraordinary Women program; regional merit
- San Juan County Public Health Service (Silverton) – \$2,500 for Silverton Food Collective; regional council
- Spring Creek Horse Rescue (Durango) – \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- TAILS of Transformation (Mancos) – \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Town of Dolores – \$25,000 for Joe Rowell Park renovations; competitive
- Tribal Adaptive Organization (Durango) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Wolf Woods (Ignacio) – \$7,500 for direct care of animals; Hambrick Fund

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.

The Freda Hambrick Fund supports nonprofit organizations that prevent cruelty to animals, provide direct care and medical assistance, and offer educational programs for the proper care of and attention to animals within the state of Colorado.

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

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

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 State Olympic Endowment, he believes the ideals of excellence, fair play, and hard work are important for athletes as well as children.

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