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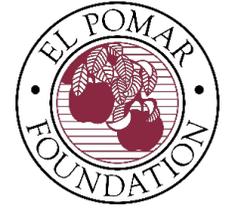
December 2025 Regional Grant Announcements

The following document is a collection of nine press releases sent by El Pomar Foundation to media outlets in rural regions across Colorado in December 2025. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's December 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 \$40,000 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — February 9, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$40,000 allocated to five nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation's December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- The Colorado Sun (Denver) – \$2,000 for Coverage in Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, and Park Counties; regional merit
- Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center (Cañon City) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- South Park - Park and Recreation District (Fairplay) – \$15,000 for HVAC replacement; competitive
- Trust for Public Land (Denver) – \$8,000 for Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, and Park County general operating support; regional merit
- Uncaged Today, Inc. (Cañon City) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive

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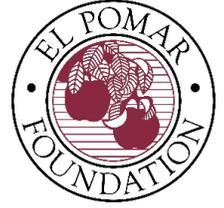
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$15,000 to organizations in the High Country region

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- A Way Out, Inc. (Carbondale) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Suicide Prevention Coalition of Eagle Valley (Eagle) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive

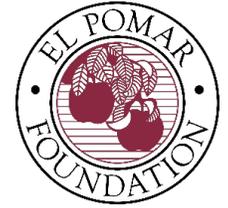
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$92,500 to organizations in the North region

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- A Kid's Place (Greeley) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Colorado FriendShip (Longmont) – \$5,000 for food programs; competitive
- Community Foundation of Northern Colorado (Fort Collins) – \$10,000 for general operating support; Awards for Excellence Nominating Review Committee merit
- Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Inc. – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Estes Park Learning Place, Inc. – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Homeward Alliance, Inc. (Fort Collins) – \$15,000 for Murphy Center for Hope direct expenses; competitive
- Inn Between of Longmont, Inc. – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Larimer County (Fort Collins) – \$5,000 for two-way radios for emergency services unit; Wildland Fire Fund
- Loveland Habitat for Humanity, Inc. – \$10,000 for ReStore exterior improvement; competitive
- Senior Resource Services (Greeley) – \$7,500 for general operating support; competitive

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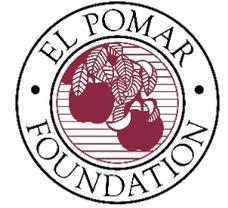
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$135,080 to organizations in the Northeast region

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- Early Childhood Council for Yuma, Washington and Kit Carson Counties (Yuma) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Logan County (Sterling) – \$25,080 for Logan County Gravel Cycling Guide; regional council
- Prairie View Health Resources, Inc. (Cheyenne Wells) – \$7,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Kit Carson School District R-1 – \$2,500 for substitute teacher support; regional merit
- Wray Community Child Care Center – \$85,000 for general operating support; regional council

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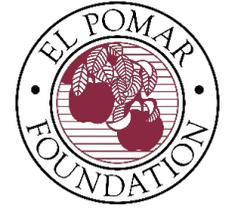
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$145,000 to organizations in the Northwest region

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- Clifton Fire Protection District – \$10,000 for personal protective equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- EUREKA! McConnell Science Museum (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for AmiGOs mobile preschool program; competitive
- Foster Alumni Mentors (Grand Junction) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Habitat for Humanity International of the Roaring Fork Valley (Glenwood Springs) – \$50,000 for HOA reserve fund; competitive
- Life Inter-Faith Team on Unemployment and Poverty (Glenwood Springs) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Lift Up of Routt County (Steamboat Springs) – \$25,000 for new building; competitive
- Lift Up of Routt County (Steamboat Springs) – \$5,000 for food distribution center; Awards for Excellence Nominating Review Committee merit
- Town of Carbondale – \$25,000 for new aquatics center; competitive

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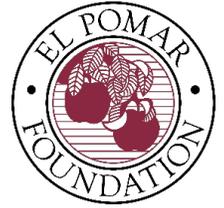
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$37,500 to organizations in the San Juan region

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- Crested Butte Film Festival – \$2,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Gunnison Hinsdale Youth Services, Inc. (Gunnison) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Delta Homeless Ministries, Inc. – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Lake Fork Health Services District (Lake City) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Western Colorado Food and Agriculture Council (Montrose) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive

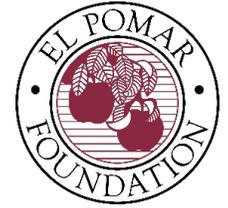
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$212,800 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — February 9, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$212,800 allocated to 18 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Luis Valley region at the Foundation's December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Adams State University Foundation, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$15,000 for migrant education program; regional council
- Alamosa Bicycle Coalition – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$12,000 for early childhood learning center; regional council
- CASA del Valle (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Center Viking Youth Club – \$9,000 for STARS program; regional council
- Colorado State University Foundation (Fort Collins) – \$5,000 for San Luis Valley extension office programs; regional council
- Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for Tri-County Senior Citizens & Housing, Inc. security cameras; regional council
- Cottonwood Restoration, Inc. (Crestone) – \$40,000 for new bus; regional council
- Creede Musical Arts Collective, Inc. – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- High Valley Community Center, Inc. (Del Norte) – \$6,800 for equipment and technology; regional council
- Kids Place of the San Luis Valley (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for program support; regional council
- Monte Vista Community Fund, Inc. – \$10,000 for Monte Vista golf course multi-use building; regional council
- Saguache County – \$10,000 for Saguache Senior Center remodel; regional council
- San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Society Hall Foundation (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for Society Hall porch project; regional council
- Tiny Hands Daycare Center, Inc. (Blanca) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Tu Casa Incorporated (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for prevention and outreach program summer sessions; regional council
- Upper Rio Grande Animal Society (Monte Vista) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council

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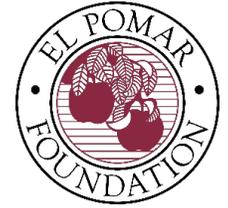
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$330,000 to organizations in the Southeast region

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- Chicanos Por la Causa (Walsenburg) – \$10,000 for Early Head Start program; regional council
- Data-Driven Economic Strategies (Monument) – \$25,000 for regional economic dashboard pilot in Southeast Colorado; competitive
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Awards for Excellence Nominating Review Committee merit
- La Veta Village, Inc. – \$20,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Museum of Friends (Walsenburg) – \$15,000 for Roof & Dick Building storefront restoration; competitive
- Pueblo Cooperative Care Center – \$40,000 for general operating support; competitive and regional council
- Pueblo Zoological Society – \$120,000 for general operating support; Hambrick Fund
- Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center, Inc. (Pueblo) – \$20,000 for Youth K-12 Expression program; regional council
- Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center, Inc. (Pueblo) – \$25,000 for Frontera Puente public art project; America 250-Colorado 150
- Serenity Recovery Connection (Colorado Springs) – \$20,000 for Pueblo youth programs; regional council
- Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Trinidad State College Foundation – \$10,000 for food assistance program; regional council
- Young Americans Center for Financial Education (Denver) – \$15,000 for Young AmeriTowne programs in southern and rural Colorado; America 250-Colorado 150

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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.

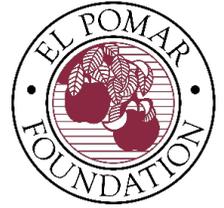
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$35,803 to organizations in the Southwest region

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- Durango Film Institute – \$3,500 for REEL Learning School program; competitive
- Mountain Studies Institute, Inc. (Silverton) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Onward! A Legacy Foundation (Cortez) – \$10,000 for Good Sams Food Pantry and Montezuma/Dolores Community Relief Fund; regional council
- Renew, Inc. (Cortez) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- San Juan County Public Health Service (Silverton) – \$2,303 for Silverton Food Collective; regional council
- Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (Pagosa Springs) – \$5,000 for technical rescue equipment; competitive

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