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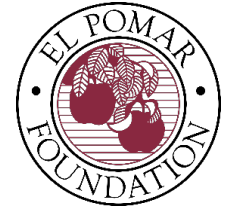
March 2026 Regional Grant Announcements

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 2026. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's March 2026 Trustee meeting.

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For more information about El Pomar's grant making, please [visit our website](#) or contact Erin Hannan, Vice President of Communications, with specific questions about these announcements at ehannan@elpomar.org.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$97,500 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — April 22, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$97,500 allocated to seven nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation's March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Inc. (Cañon City) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Chaffee County (Salida) – \$20,000 for Department of Public Health's youth prevention and wellness program; regional council
- Humane Society of Fremont County, Inc. (Cañon City) – \$20,000 for emergency veterinary care fund; Hambrick Fund
- Places to Age (Salida) – \$25,000 for assisted living and memory care facility; competitive
- The Middle Way Sanctuary (Fairplay) – \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation, Inc. (Westcliffe) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Community Service, Inc. (Westcliffe) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive

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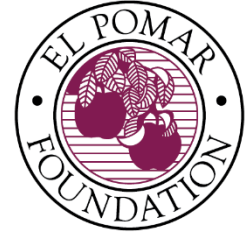
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$22,500 to organizations in the High Country region

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- CASA of the Continental Divide (Dillon) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- High Country Conservation Center (Frisco) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Recovery Resources (Snowmass) – \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$96,000 to organizations in the North region

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- Azteca Boxing Club (Greeley) – \$5,000 for youth athletic program; Hybl Fund
- Estes Valley Crisis Advocates (Estes Park) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity – \$25,000 for Harmony Cottages; competitive
- Friends of Lackota Animal Sanctuary (Nunn) – \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- Front-Porch Felines (Fort Lupton) – \$3,500 for direct care of animals; Hambrick Fund
- Luvin Arms Animal Sanctuary (Erie) – \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- The Old Gallery (Allenspark) – \$10,000 for capital improvements; competitive
- Project Self-Sufficiency of Loveland-Fort Collins – \$20,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Rhythm of the Horse Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc. (Fort Lupton) – \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund
- We Help and Love Everyone (Greeley) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Wild Plum Center for Young Children and Families (Longmont) – \$7,500 for general operating support; competitive

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- Akron Volunteer Fire Department – \$25,000 for hydraulic rescue tools; Wildland Fire Fund
- Kit Carson Rural Development – \$30,000 for affordable housing project; competitive
- Phillips County (Holyoke) – \$10,000 for food assistance; regional council

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$62,500 to organizations in the Northwest region

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- Colorado Discover Ability (Grand Junction) – \$7,500 for adaptive outdoor recreation for youth with disabilities; Hybl Fund
- Community Budget Center of Craig – \$10,000 for new roof; competitive
- Mesa County RSVP, Inc. (Grand Junction) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Plateau Valley Fire Protection District (Mesa) – \$15,000 for personal protective equipment and wildland firefighting equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Steamboat Springs Youth Soccer Association – \$20,000 for Lockhart Fields; Hybl Fund

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- Blue Sage Center (Paonia) – \$6,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- CASA of the Seventh Judicial District, Inc. (Montrose) – \$50,000 for San Juan Haven at The Village; competitive
- Delta County Memorial Hospital – \$25,000 for Da Vinci robotic surgical system; competitive
- Delta Health Foundation – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Friends of the Paradise Theatre (Paonia) – \$4,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Friends of Youth and Nature (Hotchkiss) – \$15,000 for passenger van; competitive
- Loyal Guardians Service Dog Training (Delta) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Ouray Ice Park, Inc. – \$15,000 for Our Water Our Future campaign; competitive
- Shepherd's Hand, Inc. (Montrose) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Unify Montrose – \$45,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Wright Stuff Community Foundation (Norwood) – \$15,000 for Prime Time Early Learning Center general operating support; competitive

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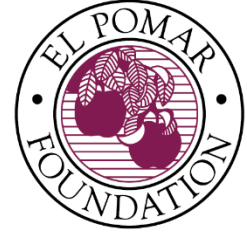
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$5,000 to organization in the San Luis Valley region

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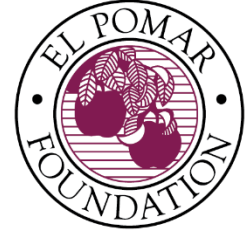
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$105,000 to organizations in the Southeast region

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- CASA of Pueblo – \$60,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Colorado Legal Services (Pueblo) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Halfway Home (Pueblo) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center (Beulah) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Trees Please, Inc. (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$50,000 to organizations in the Southwest region

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- 4 The Children (Durango) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (Durango) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Montezuma School to Farm Project (Cortez) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Oak Tree Youth Resources (Durango) – \$25,000 for general operating support; competitive

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