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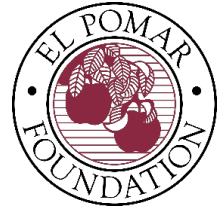
June 2026 Regional Grant Announcements

The following document is a collection of nine press releases sent by El Pomar Foundation to media outlets in rural regions across Colorado in August 2026. The press releases highlight grants approved at El Pomar's June 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 \$246,100 to organizations in the Central Peaks region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 6, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$246,100 allocated to 24 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Central Peaks region at the Foundation's June Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- All Access Wellness (Conifer) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs in Park County; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the High Rockies (Fairplay) – \$30,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Chaffee County (Salida) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Buena Vista School District R-31 – \$10,000 for youth outdoor programming at Chaffee County High School; regional council
- Cañon City Golden Age Council, Inc. – \$5,000 for senior programming and social events; regional council
- Chaffee County (Salida) – \$7,500 for Department of Public Health health and prevention programs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Chaffee County Community Foundation (Buena Vista) – \$15,000 for Safety Net Program; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Chaffee Housing Authority (Salida) – \$1,000 for housing navigation and transitional housing at Molly House; Colorado Assistance Fund
- The Colorado Trail Foundation (Poncha Springs) – \$20,000 for youth programming and volunteer efforts in Park and Chaffee Counties; regional council
- Custer County Senior Citizens Center, Inc. (Silver Cliff) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Emergent Campus (Florence) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Fremont RE-2 School District (Florence) – \$12,000 for Bear HUGS and Beaver Packs Weekend Food program; regional council
- Greater Cañon City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. – \$5,100 for convenings through the nonprofit committee and grant search/management software; regional council
- Lifebridge, Inc. (Bailey) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County (Cañon City) – \$12,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- New Caring and Sharing (Salida) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- PeaceWorks, Inc. (Bailey) – \$5,000 for Park County operations and programs; Trustee regional merit
- Salida Mountain Trails – \$25,000 for Salida Bike Park; competitive
- Salida School District R32-J – \$5,000 for food access for students; Colorado Assistance Fund
- South Park Food Bank (Fairplay) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund

- Synergy in the Service Industry (Poncha Springs) – \$20,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Tallahassee Fire Protection District (Cañon City) – \$8,000 for personal protective equipment; Wildland Fire Fund
- Tenderfoot Transmitting, Inc. (Salida) – \$15,000 for youth programs, intergenerational activities, public service communications, emergency broadcasting; regional council
- West Central Mental Health Center, Inc. (Cañon City) – \$10,000 for services in Fremont and Westcliffe Counties; Colorado Assistance Fund

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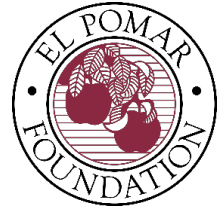
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$162,500 to organizations in the High Country region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 6, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$162,500 allocated to 26 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the High Country region at the Foundation's June Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants

- Advocates for Victims of Assault, Inc. (Frisco) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition (Idaho Springs) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Eagle River Presbyterian Church (Avon) – \$2,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Eagle Valley Community Foundation (Vail) – \$5,000 for The Community Market; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Eagle Valley Senior Life, Inc. (Avon) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Food Bank of the Rockies (Aurora) – \$5,000 for El Jebel Food Pantry; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Full Circle of Lake County, Inc. (Leadville) – \$5,000 for Family Resource Center; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Harvest for Hunger (Snowmass Village) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Lake County Build a Generation (Leadville) – \$5,000 for Lake County Fair housing fair; competitive
- Lake County School District (Leadville) – \$5,000 for Project Dream; Trustee regional merit
- Leadville Community Health Foundation – \$7,500 for community emergency fund; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Loaves & Fishes (Idaho Springs) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Reconnected Foundation (Avon) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- The Salvation Army – Vail Valley (Edwards) – \$5,000 for food pantry and rental assistance; Colorado Assistance Fund
- The Savings Collaborative (Carbondale) – \$10,000 for Financial Empowerment Center of the Rockies program; competitive
- Small Champions, Inc. (Vail) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Smart Bellies (Breckenridge) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Summit County Family Resource Center (Breckenridge) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Summit County Family Resource Center (Breckenridge) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Summit Foundation (Breckenridge) – \$10,000 for Mountain Scholars program; regional merit
- Summit Pregnancy Information Center (Dillon) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Swift Eagle Charitable Foundation (Avon) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund

- United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley – \$2,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Vail Health Foundation – \$5,000 for Olivia's Fund and/or behavioral health case management services; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Vail Health Foundation – \$10,000 for Olivia's Fund at Eagle Valley Mental Health; regional merit
- Vail Valley Charitable Fund, Inc. (Edwards) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Vail Valley Works, Inc. (Edwards) – \$2,500 for Young & Emerging Professionals Vail Valley program; competitive
- Voces Unidas de las Montañas (Glenwood Springs) – \$5,000 for Eagle, Lake, Pitkin, and Summit County operations and programs; regional merit

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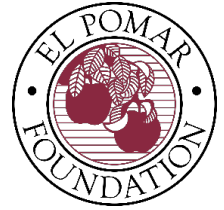
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$293,500 to organizations in the North region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 6, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$293,500 allocated to 25 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the North region at the Foundation's June Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Abundance Foundation, Inc. (Fort Collins) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Aims Community College Foundation (Greeley) – \$10,000 for aviation and nursing student scholarships; regional merit
- Arc of Northeast Colorado (Greeley) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Boulder Parks and Recreation Foundation – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- CASA of Larimer County (Fort Collins) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Centennial Area Health Education Center (Greeley) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- The Center for Relationship Education (Greenwood Village) – \$2,000 for assistance for veterans living in Boulder, Larimer, or Weld Counties; Trustee regional merit
- Coal Creek Adult Education Center (Lafayette) – \$2,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Crossroads Assistance Ministry (Estes Park) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Eaton Fire Protection District – \$5,000 for automatic external defibrillators; Wildland Fire Fund
- Emergency Family Assistance Association, Inc. (Boulder) – \$10,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Emergency Family Assistance Association, Inc. (Boulder) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Energize Colorado, Inc. (Boulder) – \$10,000 for Fort Collins Peak program; regional merit
- Estes Park Salud Foundation – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Estes Valley Library Friends & Foundation (Estes Park) – \$25,000 for library renovation; competitive
- The Family Center - La Familia (Fort Collins) – \$10,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Food Bank for Larimer County (Loveland) – \$10,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- The Greeley Dream Team, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Meals on Wheels of Boulder, Inc. – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Recovery Café Longmont – \$25,000 for new building; competitive
- Salud Family Health (Fort Collins) – \$10,000 for direct human service needs in Larimer County; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Sister Carmen Community Center, Inc. (Lafayette) – \$10,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- TEENS, Inc. (Nederland) – \$25,000 for early childhood education center; competitive

- University of Colorado Foundation (Denver) – \$8,000 for University of Colorado - Boulder Senior Class Council; Trustee regional merit
- University of Colorado Foundation (Denver) – \$11,000 for Kenneth M. Montera Leeds School of Business Endowed Scholarship Fund; Trustee merit
- Weld Food Bank (Greeley) – \$15,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Weld Legacy Foundation (Greeley) – \$15,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Weld Legacy Foundation (Greeley) – \$5,000 for Bright Futures general operating support; regional merit

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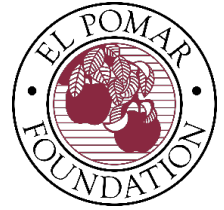
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$344,000 to organizations in the Northeast region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 6, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$344,000 allocated to 32 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Northeast region at the Foundation's June Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- The Block (Fort Morgan) – \$16,000 for cafe equipment; regional council
- Blue Skies Riding Center (Sedgwick) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc. (Sterling) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Cheyenne County Public Health (Cheyenne Wells) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Church Alive (Cheyenne Wells) – \$6,500 for Church Alive youth group; regional council
- City of Burlington – \$25,000 for Parmer Park Recreational Complex; competitive
- City of Yuma – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Colorado East Community Action Agency (Limon) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Cooperating Ministry of Logan County (Sterling) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Energy Resource Center (Colorado Springs) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs in Sterling; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Family Resource Center (Sterling) – \$8,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Family Resource Center (Sterling) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Holyoke Community Childcare Initiative – \$25,000 for general operating support; regional council and regional merit
- Hope House Serving Northeastern Colorado (Sterling) – \$2,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Kids At Their Best, Inc. (Fort Morgan) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Kids At Their Best, Inc. (Fort Morgan) – \$20,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Kit Carson School District R-1 – \$5,000 for food needs for students; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Kit Carson School District R-1 – \$6,500 for Sources of Strength program; regional council
- Logan County Department of Human Services (Sterling) – \$5,000 for YouthLink program; regional council
- Logan County Economic Development Corporation (Sterling) – \$5,000 for Sterling historical mural; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Logan County Economic Development Corporation (Sterling) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Morgan County Family Center, Inc. (Fort Morgan) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund

- Morgan County Family Center, Inc. (Fort Morgan) – \$20,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Morgan County Partnership for Children and Families (Fort Morgan) – \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Northeast Colorado Health Department (Sterling) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Ovid Methodist Church – \$2,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Phillips County (Holyoke) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Prairie Family Center (Burlington) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Prairie Heritage Arts Association (Burlington) – \$5,000 for mural honoring prairie communities; America 250 – Colorado 150
- RE-1 Valley School District (Sterling) – \$10,000 for affective needs program; regional council
- Rising Up (Fort Morgan) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Rural Communities Resource Center (Yuma) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- S.H.A.R.E., Inc. (Fort Morgan) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- SedgCo CTC (Julesburg) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- SedgCo CTC (Julesburg) – \$10,000 for Cave Kitchen; regional merit
- Sedgwick County Economic Development Corporation (Julesburg) – \$5,000 for Sedgwick County Communities That Care direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Sedgwick County Economic Development Corporation (Julesburg) – \$25,000 for The Cave youth facility; competitive
- Sedgwick County Human Services (Julesburg) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Yuma School District 1 – \$1,500 for Fourth of July Celebration; America 250 – Colorado 150

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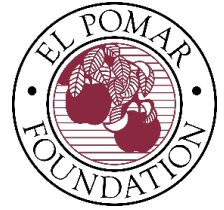
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$251,000 to organizations in the Northwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 6, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$251,000 allocated to 30 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Northwest region at the Foundation's June Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- ADVOCATES - Crisis, Trauma & Survivor Services (Craig) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Colorado (Steamboat Springs) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Center for Enriched Communication, Inc. (Grand Junction) – \$30,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Clifton Christian Church Food Bank – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Community Budget Center of Craig – \$10,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Community Food Bank (Grand Junction) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- GJ Blackout (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Good Samaritan Clinic of Western Colorado, Inc. (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (Grand Junction) – \$6,000 for Stop Eviction Program; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Grand Valley Youth Football (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Harmonie House (Craig) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Health Solutions West Foundation (Grand Junction) – \$7,500 for Health Solutions West direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Housing Resources of Western Colorado (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for renter and homeowner support; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Jackson County Council on Aging (Walden) – \$5,000 for new craft room; competitive
- John McConnell Math and Science Center of Western Colorado, Inc. (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Joseph Center (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for GAP Program; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Middle Park Medical Foundation (Kremmling) – \$10,000 for behavioral health navigator program; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Mountain Family Center (Granby) – \$10,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Mountain Family Center (Granby) – \$8,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Mountain Family Health Centers (Glenwood Springs) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund

- Northwest Colorado Innovation Center (Craig) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association (Steamboat Springs) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- River Center of New Castle, Inc. – \$2,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Roaring Fork Recovery Support Center (Carbondale) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre (Grand Lake) – \$2,000 for youth theatre program; regional merit
- Rocky Mountain Rural Health, Inc. (Fairplay) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- South Routt Medical Health Service District (Oak Creek) – \$25,000 for building expansion and renovation; competitive
- United Way of the Yampa Valley (Steamboat Springs) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- West Mountain Regional Health Alliance (Carbondale) – \$5,000 for Mountain West Health Initiative; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Western Colorado Community Foundation, Inc. (Grand Junction) – \$5,000 for commissioned art project; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Western Colorado Community Foundation, Inc. (Grand Junction) – \$10,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Western Slope Center for Children (Grand Junction) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund

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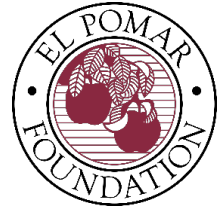
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$496,000 to organizations in the Southeast region

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- 5 Loaves Pantry (McClave) – \$1,500 for food assistance; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center (La Junta) – \$25,000 for elevator upgrades; competitive
- Arthur Roy Mitchell Memorial, Inc. (Trinidad) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Autobee Club (Avondale) – \$10,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Boulder Historical Society, Inc. – \$5,000 for Pueblo MLK Jr. Holiday Commission; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County – \$10,000 for Hands-on History elementary curriculum; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Catholic Charities of Diocese of Pueblo – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Catholic Charities of Diocese of Pueblo – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Colorado State Fair Fiesta Committee (Pueblo) – \$2,500 for Colorado 150 Commemorative Banners and community storytelling at Fiesta Day; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Colorado State Fair Foundation (Pueblo) – \$20,000 for Heritage Park Project; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Colorado State Fair Foundation (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Colorado State Fair Foundation (Pueblo) – \$2,500 for Sam Brown Family Pavilion; Trustee merit
- Colorado State University - Pueblo Foundation – \$2,500 for Pack Pantry; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Colorado State University - Pueblo Foundation – \$10,000 for grand piano for the music department; regional council
- Colorado State University - Pueblo Foundation – \$10,000 for CSU Pueblo Football; Trustee merit
- The Cornerstone Resource Center (Lamar) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Eighth Street Baptist Church of Pueblo – \$10,000 for Pueblo NAACP Unit 4005; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Emergent Campus (Florence) – \$25,000 for general operating support for Trinidad expansion; regional council
- Green Chile Bike Bank (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Grupo Folklorico de Pueblo, Inc. – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive

- The HadaNõu Collective (Denver) – \$5,000 for Pueblo Food Project cooking classes; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Halfway Home (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- High Plains Community Health Center (Lamar) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Huerfano County Historical Society (Walsenburg) – \$2,500 for Bringing Huerfano Back to Huerfano production; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- La Raza Services, Inc. (Denver) – \$5,000 for food pantry for the Pueblo Office; Colorado Assistance Fund
- La Raza Services, Inc. (Denver) – \$5,000 for Pueblo general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Las Animas Helping Hands – \$1,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Las Animas Helping Hands – \$7,500 for direct human service needs in Bent County; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Los Pobres (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Mad Fresh Productions (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Mariposa Center for Safety (Pueblo) – \$25,000 for strategic partnership discussions; competitive
- Mt. Carmel Wellness and Community Center (Trinidad) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Mt. Carmel Wellness and Community Center (Trinidad) – \$10,000 for youth development efforts; regional council
- Mt. Carmel Wellness and Community Center (Trinidad) – \$5,000 for youth orchestra, youth gardening, youth explorers camp programs; regional merit
- POSADA (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- POSADA (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Prowers County Department of Human Services (Lamar) – \$10,000 for Prowers County fatherhood program; regional merit
- Pueblo African American Concern Organization, Inc. – \$5,000 for scholarships; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Central High School Foundation – \$2,500 for young scholars program; Trustee regional merit
- Pueblo Child Advocacy Center, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen, Inc. – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Pueblo Cooperative Care Center – \$5,000 for direct food support; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Pueblo Cooperative Care Center – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Pueblo Latino Veterans Association – \$10,000 for Legacies of Courage Awards Ceremony; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo Parks and Recreation – \$5,000 for El Centro del Quinto Sol student recreation programs; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Pueblo STEAM Works – \$10,000 for The Water That Made Us exhibit in Leonardo da Vinci Museum; America 250 – Colorado 150

- Pueblo STEAM Works – \$2,500 for Leonardo da Vinci Museum of North America general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Pueblo Zoological Society – \$10,000 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- Rocky Mountain S.E.R. Jobs for Progress, Inc. (Denver) – \$5,000 for Pueblo Empowerment Center; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Rocky Mountain S.E.R. Jobs for Progress, Inc. (Denver) – \$10,000 for Southeast Colorado youth programming; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Rocky Mountain S.E.R. Jobs for Progress, Inc. (Denver) – \$5,000 for main waterline repair; regional merit
- Roselawn 1891 Company (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for grave monument for unmarked African American graves in Block 12; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Salvation Army National Corp. (Trinidad) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs in the Trinidad Unit; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Senior Resource Development Agency Pueblo, Inc. – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- SoCo Clubhouse (Trinidad) – \$5,000 for youth development efforts; regional council
- Southern Colorado Community Foundation (Pueblo) – \$10,000 for Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce Leadership Pueblo Class of 2026; regional merit
- Southern Colorado Equity Alliance (Pueblo) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Elevating Leadership Development merit
- Tri-County Family Care Center, Inc. (Rocky Ford) – \$2,000 for food assistance; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Tri-County Family Care Center, Inc. (Rocky Ford) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- Trinidad Railroad Museum – \$3,500 for new website; competitive
- United Way of Pueblo County – \$40,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs in Southeast Colorado; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation (Kansas City) – \$10,000 for Veterans of Foreign Wars Minnequa Post 3641 in Pueblo; Elevating Leadership Development merit

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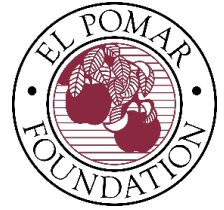
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$335,000 to organizations in the San Juan region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 6, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$335,000 allocated to 37 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Juan region at the Foundation’s June Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation’s grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- 7th Judicial District Child Advocacy Center (Montrose) – \$7,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Blue Sage Center (Paonia) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Bright Futures (Telluride) – \$30,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Calvary Ranch Colorado (Montrose) – \$7,500 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- CASA of the Seventh Judicial District, Inc. (Montrose) – \$35,000 for soil testing, engineering, site preparation, building security, furnishing, and training; regional council
- City of Ouray – \$5,000 for community events; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Delta County – \$20,000 for Family Resource Center of Delta County general operating support; regional council
- Delta-Montrose Youth Services, Inc. – \$2,500 for general operating support; regional merit
- Food Bank of the Rockies (Aurora) – \$12,500 for Western Slope Branch; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Friends of the Wright Opera House, Inc. (Ouray) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Gunnison Country Food Pantry – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Gunnison County – \$5,000 for Department of Juvenile Services mental health services for youth; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Gunnison Watershed School District RE-1J – \$10,000 for expansion of out-of-school programs; regional council
- Hinsdale County School District RE-1 (Lake City) – \$5,000 for on-campus licensed professional counselor; regional council
- History Colorado (Montrose) – \$5,000 for Ute Indian Museum general operating support; regional merit
- HopeWest (Grand Junction) – \$15,000 for initial phase of construction for the memorial garden in Delta; regional council
- Lake Fork Health Services District (Lake City) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- Little Sprouts Community Preschool (Cedaredge) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Living Journeys (Crested Butte) – \$7,500 for general operating support; competitive
- Log Hill Volunteer Fire Department (Ridgway) – \$10,000 for fire shelters; Wildland Fire Fund
- Montrose Community Foundation – \$2,500 for America and Colorado anniversary events; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Montrose County School District Re 1J – \$5,000 for Northside Health Clinic general operating support; regional merit
- Montrose Lighthouse, Inc. – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund

- North Fork Senior Connections (Paonia) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
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- North Fork Valley Public Radio, Inc. (Paonia) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Olathe Community Clinic, Inc. – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Ouray County – \$7,500 for transportation for veterans in Ouray and San Miguel Counties; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Paonia Players – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Project Hope of Gunnison Valley – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- San Miguel County (Norwood) – \$7,500 for transportation for veterans in Ouray and San Miguel Counties to VA appointments; Colorado Assistance Fund
- San Miguel Resource Center (Telluride) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Sharing Ministries, Inc. (Montrose) – \$5,000 for food assistance; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Surface Creek Community Services (Cedaredge) – \$7,500 for food bank; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Telluride Historical Museum, Inc. – \$5,000 for America 250 and Colorado 150 programs and events; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Tenderfoot Child and Family Development Center (Gunnison) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Tri-County Health Network (Telluride) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Tri-County Health Network (Telluride) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- West End Family Link Center (Nucla) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund

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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.

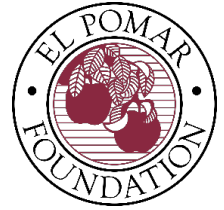
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$273,500 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 6, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$273,500 allocated to 35 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Luis Valley region at the Foundation's June Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Adams State University Foundation, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for new playground equipment for family housing; regional merit
- Alamosa Bicycle Coalition (La Jara) – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Alamosa School District Re-11J – \$10,000 for new classroom space for the Alamosa High School Food Pantry and Moose Threads programs; regional council
- Alamosa Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- CASA del Valle (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- Colorado Preservation, Inc. (Denver) – \$15,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for San Luis: A 175-Year Journey through Colorado's Oldest Town; America 250 – Colorado 150
- Conejos County Library District (La Jara) – \$7,500 for computer replacements; competitive
- Costilla County (San Luis) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Creede Community Church – \$2,500 for Ladies Aid Society of Creede; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Crestone Eagle Community Media – \$4,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Equal Representation of Media Advocacy Corporation (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Equal Representation of Media Advocacy Corporation (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for KRZA radio station general operating support; regional merit
- Gingerbread House Early Learning Center (Alamosa) – \$15,000 for new building relocation; regional council
- Gingerbread House Early Learning Center (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for new building relocation; regional merit
- Kids Place of the San Luis Valley (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee regional merit
- La Puente Home, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- NOON Organization (Saguache) – \$10,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- Northerners Senior Citizens Association, Inc. (La Jara) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Rio Grande Child Development & Family Services (Del Norte) – \$12,000 for purchase of screening equipment, dental supplies, and travel vouchers; regional council
- Sacred Heart Church (Alamosa) – \$2,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Saguache Seniors – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Salida Senior Daycare, Inc. – \$20,000 for Saguache campus construction; regional council

- San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for general operating support; Trustee merit
- San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Alamosa) – \$20,000 for Valley Educator Conference; regional council
- San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for San Luis Valley Educators' Conference; regional merit
- San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (Alamosa) – \$10,000 for Ron's Loop trail construction project; regional council
- San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center (Alamosa) – \$2,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Silver Thread Public Health District (Creede) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- South Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- The HadaNõu Collective (Denver) – \$2,500 for Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- The HadaNõu Collective (Denver) – \$5,000 for Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center general operating support; regional merit
- Tri-County Senior Citizens & Housing, Inc. (Monte Vista) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Tu Casa, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$2,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Valley Citizens Foundation for Health Care, Inc. (Del Norte) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (Alamosa) – \$5,000 for direct human service needs in the San Luis Valley; Colorado Assistance Fund

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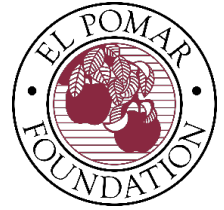
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El Pomar Foundation approves \$339,700 to organizations in the Southwest region

Colorado Springs, Colo. — August 6, 2026 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$339,700 allocated to 27 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Southwest region at the Foundation's June Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Archuleta County (Pagosa Springs) – \$10,000 for Pagosa Outreach Connection; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Aspire Medical Services and Education (Pagosa Springs) – \$15,000 for counseling program; competitive and regional council
- Aspire Medical Services and Education (Pagosa Springs) – \$3,200 for positive parenting program; regional council
- Bridge Emergency Shelter (Cortez) – \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation (Colorado Springs) – \$35,000 for La Plata County pediatric mental health initiative; regional council and Trustee regional merit
- Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado (Durango) – \$5,000 for Friends & Neighbors in Need; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Community Radio Project (Cortez) – \$5,000 for Sunflower Theater; regional merit
- Community Radio Project (Cortez) – \$5,000 for KSJD public radio; regional merit
- Dolores County (Dove Creek) – \$10,000 for Dolores County Senior Services general operating support; competitive
- Dove Creek Care and Share Food Pantry (Cahone) – \$10,000 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Durango Early Learning Center – \$10,000 for new playground; competitive
- Durango Education Foundation – \$15,000 for Ignite Mobile Learning Lab; regional council
- Durango Nordic Ski Club, Inc. – \$5,000 for general operating support; competitive
- Full Circle Expeditions, Inc. (Cortez) – \$7,500 for The Cookout; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) – \$12,000 for purchase of food; regional council
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) – \$15,000 for youth substance abuse prevention program; regional council
- Mancos United – \$10,000 for Summer Hub program; regional council
- Manna - The Durango Soup Kitchen – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Montezuma County Historical Society, Inc. (Cortez) – \$7,500 for youth programming; regional council
- Montezuma School to Farm Project (Cortez) – \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Pagosa Community Initiative (Pagosa Springs) – \$25,000 for general operating support; regional council
- Pine River Shares (Bayfield) – \$15,000 for general operating support; regional council

- San Juan County Public Health Service (Silverton) – \$7,500 for direct human service needs; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Silverton School District – \$10,000 for family engagement center; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Silverton Youth Center – \$12,500 for summer programming; regional council
- The Community Treehouse (Bayfield) – \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit
- The Cortez Center, Inc. – \$7,000 for summer internships; regional council
- The Piñon Project (Cortez) – \$7,500 for Montelores Emergency Assistance Coalition; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Town of Dolores – \$9,500 for Dolores Family Project; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Town of Pagosa Springs – \$28,000 for K.I.D.S. summer camp; regional council

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