



Southeast Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days Update

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Rural Development gives grants in Southeast Colorado

USDA Rural Development presented a number of grant awards in southeast Colorado during April and May. Among the organizations benefitting from this round of grants were:

Crowley County, \$56,250 to establish a Revolving Loan Fund to encourage business expansion and development in the county; and \$18,500 to enable the Sugar City Fire Department to purchase a flatbed truck that will be converted into a fire/equipment truck.

Prowers Medical Center, \$147,700 to upgrade their digital mammography unit.

Southeast Colorado Resource and Conservation District, \$57,000 for a feasibility study for a mobile meat processing unit; and \$40,000 for a feasibility study to determine if popcorn processing is viable in the Lower Arkansas Valley.

Bent County HealthCare Center, \$24,999 for a remodeling project.

Organic Seed Alliance, \$80,000 for technical support.

Jim Isgar, State Director for Rural Development, said these grants are an important piece to “keeping our rural communities strong.”

Rural Development provides investment and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development and critical community and technology infrastructure. For more information, contact the area USDA Rural Development office in Las Animas, or visit the web site at

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/co>.



Caption: Jason Karle, second from left, assistant fire chief of Sugar City, accepts an \$18,500 grant from USDA Rural Development on May 5 to help the town purchase a new fire/equipment truck. Pictured are, from left: USDA Rural Development Southeast Area Director Joe Kost, Karle, USDA Rural Development State Director Jim Isgar, and Crowley County Commissioners Frank Grant, Tobe Allumbaugh and Matt Heimerich. The county also received a \$56,250 grant to establish a revolving loan fund.

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Registration Begins
June 14
for
SE Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days

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Frequently check the site over the summer for updates.

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--By Pam Denahy, SE RPD Marketing Committee Chair

Summer is upon us, but it won't be long until summer turns into fall. As we begin summer, we are shifting into high-gear as we continue to prepare for Southeast Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days, scheduled for September 15-17 at Otero Junior College in La Junta.

Registration will open Monday, June 14 online at www.southeastrpd.org. A new feature – different from past events – all registrations will be done via the Website. The cost of registration is \$100 per-person (up to 2 people per organization) which includes five meals, three capacity-building workshops and a chance to meet with funders that match your organizations mission. As part of the online registration process, you will be able to select your capacity-building workshops and dine-around dinners during registration.

Be sure to visit www.southeastrpd.org frequently in the days and months leading up to the event. We will continue to add information concerning pre-event trainings, capacity building workshops, sponsors and funders' information. Currently, you can find the [working agenda](#) for the event along with county profiles for the entire eight-county region on the website.

Space is limited, so do not miss the opportunity to meet people involved with funding organizations and learn more about the grant writing and funding process. As an attendee of the three-day event, you will have access to newly identified resources, opportunities for collaboration and capacity-building services to more effectively meet the needs of your organization. We are expecting 250 representatives from non-profit organizations in southeast Colorado and 50 representatives of funding organizations.

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Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Below is a list of some of the grant application deadlines coming up for Colorado foundations. This list is designed as a guide. **Remember** to always contact a foundation before applying to make sure their guidelines and grant deadlines have not changed.

July

- July 1 – Adolph Coors Foundation
- July 1 – Gates Family Foundation
- July 1 – Helen K. & Arthur E. Johnson Foundation
- July 15 – The Colorado Health Foundation
- July 31 – Bonfils-Stanton Foundation
- July 31 – Energy Outreach Colorado

August

- August 1 – Anschutz Family Foundation
- August 15 – Bright Mountain Foundation
- August 15 – Comprecare Foundation, Inc.
- August 21 – Chinook Fund
- August 31 – Colorado Garden Show, Inc. Grant Programs
- August 31 – Schramm Foundation

September

- September 1 – Brett Family Foundation
- September 1 – Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation
- September 4 – Wolcott Family Foundation
- September 10 – George W. Hopper Family Foundation
- September 25 – Animal Assistance Foundation

Groups visit area as part of Council on Foundations Conference

Southeast Colorado played host in April to two special groups who toured the area as part of a break-out session during the Council on Foundations national conference in Denver.

The Native Americans in Philanthropy and Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy took part in an overnight immersion site session to three sites in Southeast Colorado, the Koshare Indian Museum, Camp Amache and the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site April 27-28.

The group arrived in the region April 27 and was hosted at an event at the Koshare Indian Museum by the Anschutz Family Foundation and the Small Business Development Center. During that event, three local organizations gave presentations about the success they have had with developing projects using grant funding and through strategic partnerships. Speaking were Alisha Hall with the Bent County HealthCare Center, Laneha Everett and Jeanne Fenter with the Southeast Regional Heritage Tourism group and Jim Rizzuto with Otero Junior College.

The overnight session was designed to take full advantage of the annual conference's locale in the Colorado West by bringing to full life the shared experiences and challenges facing rural America and history and progress made by Native American and Asian American communities in this region.



Herman, a resident at the Bent County Healthcare Center, center, and his canine companion Pedro, were a focus of the presentation made by Alisha Hall of the Bent County HealthCare Center.



Jeanne Fenter, left, and Laneha Everett talk about the regional heritage tourism group.



Jim Rizzuto, president of Otero Junior College, shares information about two OJC projects: the SCORE Center and SEBREA (Southeast Business, Retention, Expansion and Attraction).



Recent Grant Awards

Below is a list of recent grant awards made in the region:

Welcome Home Child and Family Development Center (Lamar)

- \$25,000 from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation to offset operating costs to serve children and families in Prowers County.

Southeast Mental Health Services

- \$45,000 from Temple Hoyne Buell to hire an early childhood education specialist to provide outreach and consultation to daycare centers, Child Development Services, preschools and other agencies that serve children ages 0-5.

Kim Equine Pavilion and Education Center

- ♦ Funding was received from several foundations to assist with Phase 2 of the project. Those providing grants were: Anschutz Family Foundation, El Pomar Foundation, Gates Family Foundation, Great Outdoors Colorado, Kenneth

King Foundation, JH Edmondson Foundation and Gates Frontiers Fund.

Bent County HealthCare Center

- \$1,500 from a Colorado Health Foundation Mini-Grant and \$650 from Las Animas High School's True Blue program for an intergenerational retreat.
- \$500 from the City of Las Animas for Prairie View Assisted Living.
- \$1,000 from the Colorado Council on the Arts for cultural events at Prairie View Assisted Living.
- \$15,125 from the USDA for improvements to the classrooms and playground at Kountry Kids Learning Center.
- \$250 from Wal-Mart to purchase items for Kountry Kids classrooms.

No-cost capacity building workshop offered July 27-30 at OJC by Colorado Compassion Project

Power Tools for Building High-Impact Organizations, the Colorado Compassion Project (CCP) Nonprofit workshop will be held at five locations across the state, including a four-day workshop in La Junta at Otero Junior College on July 27-30. There is no cost to attend and registration is online.

At the CCP Nonprofit Workshop, you'll join other leaders of area community- and faith-based organizations for four days of learning and networking. Master the tools of the nonprofit trade—from strategy to leadership to fundraising—and gain practical resources to help your organization work more effectively and efficiently. The CCP Nonprofit Workshop offers free registration and materials, and every participant will receive a complimentary copy of the Colorado Grants Guide.

Bright Mountain Foundation is pleased to offer at no cost a comprehensive 4 day workshop series on capacity building in five strategic locations statewide - Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, La Junta and Alamosa. Designed for Colorado community- and faith-based organizations of all shapes and

sizes, the CCP Nonprofit Workshop is an opportunity to learn, network, and improve your nonprofit's capacity. A highly interactive series of workshops, attendees will be actively engaged through breakout discussions, small group work, hands-on activities, have lunch with us and a certified nonprofit account and other dynamic opportunities.

The CCP Nonprofit Workshop focuses on key aspects of nonprofit capacity through a holistic, strengths-based approach. An intensive four day program lead by nationally-known presenter, Martha Vail, PhD, each day offers useful strategies for powerful outcomes. After participating in the workshop, you will be prepared to successfully complete a Colorado Common Grants application, confidently fill out IRS-Form 990, and have the knowledge and tools to apply Colorado Best Practices for Nonprofits.

Invest four days. You, your organization and the community will benefit for years. For the workshop agenda, schedule and registration please visit:

http://www.regonline.com/the_ccp_nonprofit_workshop_2010

Share your news!

Did your non-profit organization just complete a big project or get an important grant? We'd like to share your success stories with other attendees of Southeast Rural Philanthropy Days in our quarterly newsletter. Information should be submitted to Teri Erickson at teri.erickson@ojc.edu. Please include your contact name and phone number in case follow-up is required. Items will run in future issues of this newsletter on a space-available basis.

Please note: Because of Southeast Rural Philanthropy Days on Sept. 15-17, we will not publish a September issue of the Southeast Rural Philanthropy Days newsletter. Please plan on joining us at OJC for this special event, which only happens every four years. Look for the next newsletter in December. The next newsletter deadline is December 1, 2010.