



Southeast Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days Update

growing together



El Pomar Foundation hosts Outreach

Non-profit organizations from throughout southeast Colorado gathered in Pueblo on Jan. 29 for El Pomar's Outreach event.

The purpose of the foundation's unique community event was to learn about the needs of the region and provide resources that can help communities and organizations meet those needs. It also focused on providing information specific to the foundation, its regional approach, community stewardship programs and funding opportunities.

The day's activities included roundtable discussions, opportunities to network and an open house that enabled non-profit organizations from throughout the region to showcase their work. In addition, two separate workshop sessions were provided. Cathy Robbins, El Pomar's Vice President and Director of Regional Partnerships, presented "Everyday Creativity," which used a video to encourage attendees to think about problems and challenges in a different way. Matt Carpenter, El Pomar Vice President, facilitated "Fundraising Fundamentals in a Challenging Year." This session provided an overview of current trends in charitable giving and how to best approach fund raising.

Following lunch and the roundtable discussions, El Pomar's Southeast Regional Council presented its 2010 grants to area organizations.

Regional Council Grants:

Non-profits from this region who were honored included:

- ◆ Crowley County Elementary School Breakfast Buddies Program (part of a \$7,500 grant with two Pueblo-area schools).
- ◆ Arkansas Valley Organic Seed Alliance, \$30,000.
- ◆ Koshare Indian Museum, \$25,000.
- ◆ Las Animas/Bent County Library, \$1,500 outstanding service grant.
- ◆ La Junta Middle School, \$3,000 for surveillance cameras and \$1,500 outstanding service grant.

Colorado Assistance Fund III Grants:

- ◆ Advocates Against Domestic Violence (Trinidad).
- ◆ Samaritan Clinic (Trinidad).
- ◆ South Central Council of Governments (Trinidad).
- ◆ Cross Roads Turning Point, Inc. (Trinidad).
- ◆ La Junta Associated Charities.
- ◆ Las Animas Helping Hands.
- ◆ Salvation Army of Ordway.
- ◆ Southeastern Colorado Homeless Center (Lamar).

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New website for
Southeast Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days

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Bright Mountain announces Compassion Project

By Irene Lopez Wessell
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The Bright Mountain Foundation (BMF) is pleased to introduce the 2010 Colorado Compassion Project (CCP) and announce the availability of \$235,000 in sub-awards! This project is funded through the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF). It is additionally supported by BMF and through partnerships with The Denver Foundation, Energy Outreach Colorado, The Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation – Pueblo Grantmaking, Taylor and Roth Associates, Adams State College and Otero Junior College.

CCP is a one-year opportunity for grassroots, faith-based organizations and community-based organizations with annual operating budgets of less than \$500,000 to secure the needed resources to build capacity through ongoing individualized technical assistance, training and funding. Fifteen organizations will be selected through a competitive RFP process.

Eligible organizations will serve in one or more of the following Colorado counties:

- Adams, Boulder, Denver, Weld
- Crowley, El Paso, Lincoln, Pueblo
- Baca, Bent, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers
- Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, Rio Grande, Saguache.

Additionally, eligible organizations must serve one or more of the following social service areas:

- low-income individuals seeking to gain greater access to state and federal benefits and tax credits
- low-income individuals seeking to secure and retain employment, earn higher wages and obtain better quality jobs
- low-income individuals and families in need of financial education, credit counseling and access to individual development accounts and other asset building strategies
- the homeless
- elders in need
- families in transition from welfare to work
- at-risk youth

The full grant announcement and application can be found at <http://www.brightmtnfdtn.org/ccp.html>



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.

April

- April 1 – Gates Family Foundation
- April 1 – Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation
- April 15 – The Colorado Health Foundation
- April 30 – Bonfils-Stanton Foundation
- April 30 – Herbert E. Parker Charitable Trust

May

- May 1 – Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation
- May 1 – Sam S. Bloom Foundation
- May 1 – Maki Foundation
- May 1 – Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation

June

- June 1 – New Early Christian Church Charities
- June 15 – Alice N. Jenkins Foundation
- June 26 – Caring for Colorado Foundation

Recent Grant Awards

Region receives \$5.7 million in grants

Huerfano School District re-1

- \$200,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado to add a poly-synthetic surface to an eight-lane track and accompanying areas.

Bent County Public Health

- \$199,940 from LiveWell Colorado to operate LiveWell Bent County in 2010.

Seed and Supply Church (Bent County)

- \$5,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services to hold a Girls Power Conference.

Las Animas Helping Hands

- \$6,500 from the City of Las Animas for general operating funds/providing emergency services.
- \$10,000 from the El Pomar Foundation for general operating expenses.
- \$1,500 from Care and Share for the Community Garden Project tool shed and equipment.
- \$1,000 from the Stepien Charitable Fund for general operating support.
- \$3,000 from Energy Outreach Colorado to assist with energy costs.

Koshare Indian Museum

- \$25,000 matching grant from the El Pomar Foundation.

Otero Junior College and Trinidad State Junior College

- \$4,999,350 from the U.S. Department of Labor and Employment to implement Nursing Innovations in Rural Colorado, a program designed to increase the number of trained RNs, LPNs and CNAs in an 11-county region of southeastern and south central Colorado over a three-year period.

Bent County/Las Animas Community Center

- \$15,000 from the Daniels Fund, \$5,000 from the Anschutz Family Foundation and \$4,000 from the Burlington Northern Railroad to operate an after school tutoring program.
- \$5,000 from the El Pomar Foundation for general operating support.

Las Animas Housing Development Corporation/ Sunshine Manor

- \$10,000 from the El Pomar Foundation and \$11,560 from the Daniels Fund for a boiler replacement project.

Girls in the Middle Conference

- \$2,273 from the Women's Foundation of Colorado to support the 2010 Girls in the Middle conference.

Walsh Childcare Center

- \$25,000 from Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation (\$15,000 for general operating support and \$10,000 to help purchase a mobile home).
- ◆ \$10,000 from the Daniels Fund to purchase supplies, equipment and furniture for the center.

Walsh Healthcare Center

- \$1,000 from the Colorado Health Foundation to purchase a broad chair.
- \$600 from the 9Health Fair Site Grant to help with an onsite health fair.

La Junta Associated Charities

- \$25,000 from the Daniels Fund for general operating costs.
- \$5,000 from El Pomar's Colorado Assistance Fund for direct client assistance.

Tri-County Family Care Center

- \$2,800 from the John G. Duncan Foundation; \$1,000 from the Jonathan and Shari Fox Family Foundation; \$5,000 from the Virginia Hill Foundation; \$3,000 from the Rocky Ford Community Hospital Fund; and \$1,000 from Wal-Mart, all for general operating support for the resource and referral agency, and to help sustain early childhood programs.

Cheraw Preschool

- \$15,000 from Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation for general operating support.
- \$2,000 from the Daniels Fund for a reading center, gross motor activities and books.

Kountry Kids Learning Center (Las Animas)

- \$20,000 from Temple Hoyne Buell for quality improvements and Qualistar rating.

Prairie View Village (Las Animas)

- \$1,500 from the Colorado Health Foundation's mini-grant program to host an intergenerational slumber party between assisted living center residents and middle school students.

Bent County HealthCare Center

- \$25,000 from USDA to begin a remodel for the therapy clinic.

Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District

- \$30,951 from Assistance to Firefighters to purchase personal protection equipment designed for wildland fire suppression and a washer/extractor and gear dryer to clean and maintain the new gear.

Kids' Campus (Crowley County)

- \$20,000 from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation for general operating costs.

To share news of grants received by your organization, please e-mail the amount of the award, name of the foundation and brief description of what the funds will be used for to: teri.erickson@ojc.edu. Lists are printed in the quarterly issues of this newsletter.

CCA announces Colorado Creates grant program

The Colorado Council on the Arts has announced its newly-revised grant competition "Colorado Creates" is currently open, with a deadline of April 5.

Colorado Creates is a new approach to promoting cultural, educational and economic growth through statewide investment in creative activities and organizations. It replaces CCA's Grants to Artists and Organizations program.

Over the past two years, CCA sought input from its constituents regarding how the agency can best use grant funding to stimulate creativity while supporting arts and cultural activities statewide. Results gathered showed that constituents want continued access to grants that leverage other funds and provide a seal of excellence; priority support for existing arts and cultural organizations and arts education activities; a way to maximize the number of communities that benefit from state grants; and a more streamlined and standardized approach.

Unfortunately, significant revenue shortfalls show that CCA funds through Fiscal Year 2013 could be half of what they were in Fiscal Year 2009. That significantly diminishes the amount available for granting. At their December meeting, Council members decided to implement a new approach to grant making. Some features of the program include:

- Use of the Colorado Common Grant Application Form, with all submission taking place online.
- Proposals may be for operating support or project support. CCA's previous grant categories are no longer applicable, but the review criteria remain the same: artistic excellence/merit, community involvement/benefit, and implementation capacity.
- Funding awarded will be based on budget size of the organization (not of the project) and will be "flat" amounts.
- Support materials must be submitted electronically on DVDs or CDs.
- Applicants who have received a CCA grant three years in a row will be required to "sit out" a fourth year. There are no restrictions for the April 5 deadline. The first year of "sitting out" will begin with the April 2011 deadline.
- Artists can only apply via a fiscal agent. Fiscal agents may not apply for a second grant.

For more information, please visit the CCA web site, <http://www.coloradoarts.state.co.us/>.

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.

The next newsletter deadline is June 1, 2010