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2024 IMPACT REPORT

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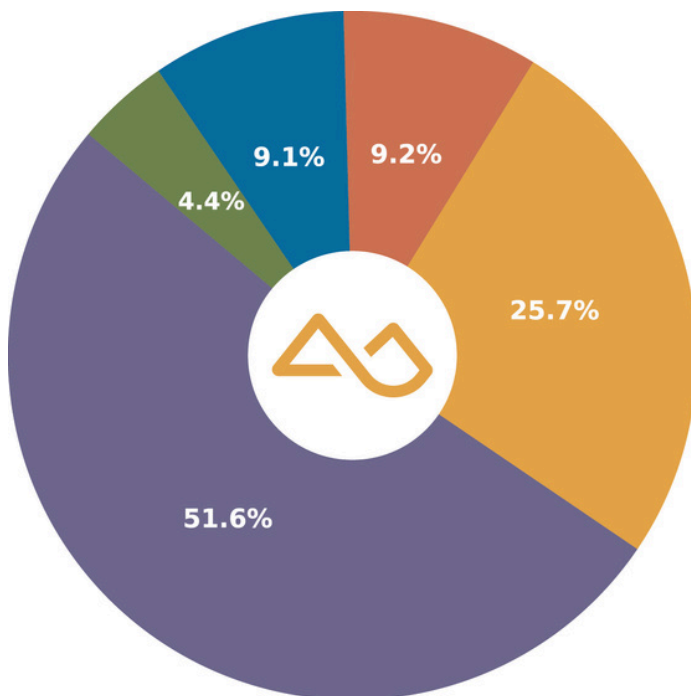
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The vision of Pikes Peak Community Foundation is of a thriving, resilient, and sustainable Pikes Peak Region with a vibrant quality of life for all. This vision drives our work today and has guided us since our founding nearly a century ago. As leaders in strategic philanthropy, we are embarking on something big! We are creating innovative tools to identify our community's greatest needs and directing generosity to where it will have the most impact. We invite you to join us. Together with other generous individuals, companies, and foundations, we will step into this bold new chapter.

BY THE NUMBERS

Grants Made in 2024: \$10,610,699

Grant Areas in 2024



Our Community Assets

Assets Under Management: \$84.6 million

- Endowed: \$27.2 million
- Non-Endowed: \$57.4 million
- Funds Stewarded for Other Non-Profit Organizations: \$7.3 million

Audited. As of 12/31/2024.

- Civic & Community Service*
- Health & Human Services
- Education
- Arts & Culture
- Faith-Based

* denotes grants to organizations focused on community services, environmental conservation, and various other charitable missions.

892

Grants made in 2024 to charitable organizations

623

Charitable organizations received grants from PPCF in 2024

96

Years of impact in El Paso & Teller Counties

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A Shared Vision for the Region

In 2024, we launched an ambitious, multi-year initiative designed to help guide the future of El Paso and Teller Counties. Supported by impactful foundations and funders, *Our Spacious Skies* will identify the community's shared priorities through extensive research, including surveys, focus groups, and innovative data collection methods.

Our Spacious Skies will produce a free, publicly accessible tool for residents and organizations, offering valuable insights to address the region's most pressing issues and track progress over time. Designed to evolve with the community, *Our Spacious Skies* will ensure that decisions are informed by up-to-date data and the voices of residents across all corners of the region.

Phase I focuses on uncovering the values and needs of residents, while Phase II transforms these insights into a tangible data suite.

Our Spacious Skies seeks to preserve the unique qualities of the Pikes Peak Region, while aligning efforts to build a stronger, more resilient future for generations to come. We look forward to sharing insights from this work later in 2025. Stay informed by visiting www.OurSpaciousSkies.org.



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SKIES**

PIKES PEAK REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES



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A Prosperous Future

In 2024, we entered into a three-year partnership with Peak Education to expand access to concurrent enrollment opportunities for high school students, focusing on underserved communities in El Paso County.

This initiative addresses barriers such as complex enrollment processes, lack of counseling support, and early awareness of opportunities.

Peak Education provides tailored counseling, language resources, and parent education to guide students toward college readiness.

The program has already supported 100 students across 10 schools, bridging educational gaps and fostering academic confidence. With additional funding, the program aims to grow, reaching more schools, doubling enrollment, and building a stronger, more inclusive culture of college preparedness.

Art for All, Forever

In September, we awarded grants to local arts programs, supporting creative initiatives in the Pikes Peak Region.

Through our Community Impact Fund for the Arts, we supported the Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region's LEVEL UP! Program, which strengthens the local creative economy by addressing challenges like audience development and business sustainability.

For the third consecutive year, we funded the Fine Arts Center at Colorado College collaboration with the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind to offer inclusive arts experiences.

These investments highlight PPCF's commitment to enriching lives through the arts and fostering accessibility and innovation in the creative sector.



Selections of art by students of the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind created through the Experiential Arts Collaboration Program.

MISSION FIRST

A Future in the Outdoors

In 2023, The Pikes Peak Fund for the Outdoors awarded a \$25,000 grant to Palmer Land Conservancy for Project SOAR. This exciting collaborative effort between Palmer, Trust for Public Land, The Nature Conservancy, and the Department of Defense works to protect land surrounding military installations in Colorado Springs and surrounding areas with significance to national security, the local ecology, and the local community.

With PPCF's support, the SOAR Coalition the SOAR Coalition successfully acquired 12,000 acres from the State Land Board for the Bohart Ranch project.



Scaled Quail perched above the Bohart Ranch praries. Photo: Bob Stocker

WALK OUR TALK

A Future of Excellence

Since 2019, Pikes Peak Community Foundation has awarded over \$120,000 to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum (USOPM) to support their mission of igniting dreams through the powerful stories of athletes.

This partnership aims to inspire excellence in all those whom we serve, fostering a deeper appreciation for the dedication and achievements of athletes while encouraging future generations to pursue their own dreams.



USOPM Photo: Jason O'Rear

Accessibility for All

In 2024, Pikes Peak Community Foundation supported Pikes Peak Library District in their goal of providing an inclusive and accessible environment for all patrons.

PPCF awarded \$15,000 to PPLD to install ADA Text Strobe Announcement Speakers in the Penrose Library. This high traffic facility boasts roughly 230,000 annual visitors.

This project addresses a critical gap in accessibility at PPLD. These speakers deliver clear visual alerts alongside audible announcements to ensure effective communication for all library patrons.



Penrose Public Library: Pikes Peak Library District

A Place for All

Since 2021, Pikes Peak Community Foundation has supported The Place with over \$100,000 in grants.

Support from PPCF has helped hundreds of homeless and runaway youth in the Pikes Peak region take steps toward leaving the dangers of the street, reunite with their families, improve their self-sufficiency and restore their health.

In 2023, The Place broke ground on The Launchpad. This apartment community is designed to help transition youth and young adults out of homelessness and into stability.



The Launchpad: Cohen-Esrey Development Group

PPCF IN THE COMMUNITY



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Community Impact Funds

Pikes Peak Fund for the Arts

Art and culture are essential to the human experience and contribute significantly to overall quality of life. Since inception, the Pikes Peak Fund for the Arts has awarded more than half a million dollars to enhance arts and culture in the Pikes Peak Region. Pooling resources from multiple funding sources allows for investment in projects with significant impact that advance a diverse arts and culture environment, creating a vibrant quality of life for all our residents.

Pikes Peak Fund for the Outdoors

Living near and around Pikes Peak creates a love for the natural beauty of our region. The purpose of the Pikes Peak Fund for the Outdoors is to advance growth, stewardship, preservation, and responsible use of outdoor spaces in the Pikes Peak Region.

Pikes Peak Fund for a Thriving Community

The Pikes Peak Fund for a Thriving Community funds emerging needs and opportunities in our region. It fully aligns with our vision of a thriving, resilient, sustainable community with a vibrant quality of life for all. It provides everyone, regardless of their giving capacity, the opportunity to engage in high-impact philanthropy, addressing our community's greatest needs and opportunities.

Pikes Peak Fund for Health and Human Services

The Pikes Peak Fund for Health and Human Services is dedicated to transforming the lives of individuals and families in our community by addressing critical health needs and promoting overall well-being. This fund focuses on providing essential resources for healthcare access, mental health initiatives, and takes on the challenges of addiction and food insecurity. This fund empowers public health education, supports vulnerable populations, and invests in innovative research, ultimately fostering a healthier, more resilient community. Gifts to the Pikes Peak Fund for Health and Human Services are pooled with other funds raised for the Empty Stocking Fund whose mission is summarized by the motto, "One Donation. 20 Agencies. A Whole Community Served."

Emergency Relief Funds for El Paso and Teller Counties

The Emergency Relief Funds for El Paso and Teller Counties provide grants to nonprofit organizations serving those affected by a natural disaster or crisis. The Funds accept contributions on a continual basis. A committee of local stakeholders reviews requests for funding that are submitted by nonprofit organizations and will award funds based on need and available funding.

Pikes Peak Community Foundation Program Fund

The Pikes Peak Community Foundation Program Fund supports the daily work of the Foundation. For nearly 100 years, PPCF has worked to inspire philanthropy, build and mobilize resources, and help people realize their philanthropic dreams. We effectively and efficiently address the Pikes Peak Region's critical issues and transformational opportunities.



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Other Field of Interest Funds

Arthur and Nancy Salisbury Memorial Fund

This fund was established to support youth in Colorado. This fund is not endowed and per the donor's wishes, will be closed out in 2025.

Cheryl Kezziah- Animal Support Fund

This endowed fund supports domesticated animals in Colorado. Organizations that support cats and dogs are preferred.

Community Impact Investment Fund

This fund focuses on making strategic grants to scale non-profits and social-purpose for-profits.

Early Childhood Education Fund

This fund supports early childhood education initiatives in the Pikes Peak Region

Everett Charitable Trust

The Everett Charitable Trust is an unrestricted endowment which supports Pikes Peak Community Foundation.

Gerald Erikson Fund

This endowed fund was established to support the blind and visually impaired community in Colorado. This fund focuses on programs and projects and does not fund general operations.

Linda Schultheis Crawford Fund

This endowment was established with three focus areas. 50% of its funding supports organizations that help young women explore their place in the world through the outdoors in Latin America. 25% of its funding supports senior hospice care and the remaining 25% supports veterans services in Colorado.

Margarete Balke Fund

This endowed fund was established to benefit legally blind and or hearing-impaired children in Colorado Springs.

Pikes Peak Fund for Flourishing Seniors

The Flourishing Seniors Fund, established by the Pikes Peak Community Foundation, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for seniors in our community who face various challenges.

William Arthur Foraker Legacy Fund for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

This fund supports mental health and suicide prevention initiatives in the Pikes Peak Region.



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