

## Packard Foundation Fund for Pueblo - FAQs

### **What is new with the Packard Foundation's Pueblo Grantmaking beginning in 2016?**

With the 2015 transition of a long-time Packard Foundation staff person in the Foundation's Pueblo office, we had the opportunity to reimagine how our grantmaking might be most responsive and effective to the community's needs and desires. Following a thorough exploration, the Packard Foundation is pleased to announce a new collaboration in which it will work with [Caring for Colorado](#) to continue and strengthen our grantmaking program in the community. Additionally, the Foundation has established a donor-advised fund with [The Denver Foundation](#), the *Packard Foundation Fund for Pueblo* through which grant awards will be made. The collaboration will begin during the first quarter of 2016.

### **Why did the Packard Foundation decide to change its Pueblo grantmaking structure to a collaborative model?**

By working in partnership with Caring for Colorado in addition to the Denver Foundation, both of which have deep interest and experience in the Pueblo community, we believe our collective efforts will best serve Pueblo residents and encourage broader engagement with the Pueblo region. We hope that working with our partners, we will be able to leverage the expertise, resources, and networks of each to build greater philanthropic investment in Pueblo County and have greater impact on individuals, families, and the community.

### **How were the partners selected?**

In 2015, the Packard Foundation undertook a rigorous process to consider different grantmaking models for Pueblo. Through interviews with community and nonprofit leaders and from a survey of current and recent grantees, we learned that continued financial support from the Packard Foundation for community organizations is a top priority. The community was also eager to work with a person with a strong local presence who will provide the same high level of leadership, interaction, and support provided by previous staff.

We spoke with a large number of potential partners and considered which had the strongest alignment with the Foundation's interests and values—and an interest in piloting this innovative partnership model. We were pleased to learn about Caring for Colorado and its work over the past decade to improve healthcare in Southern Colorado and especially Pueblo. We were also delighted to learn their southern Colorado Senior Program Officer is a Pueblo native and currently lives in the community. Similarly, we were impressed by the Denver Foundation's efforts in Pueblo, including a number of donor advised funds that focus on the region. Both foundations have a strong track record of innovation, entrepreneurial spirit, and working in partnership. Finally, while each of the organizations have a unique approach to grantmaking, we all share one common vision with Pueblo residents—to build a community where people are healthy and thriving.

### **Who will be the primary contact for Pueblo?**

[Randy Evetts](#), current Senior Program Officer for Caring for Colorado, will lead the *Packard Foundation Fund for Pueblo* grantmaking, in addition to continuing his grantmaking activities in

Southern Colorado for Caring for Colorado. Long-time Packard Foundation Program Assistant, [Linda Lazzarini](#) will continue to support the program work along with providing assistance to the local grantmaking of Caring for Colorado. Randy and Linda will work out of the current office at 121 W City Center Drive, Suite 240 in Pueblo. Together, they will work closely with the Pueblo Advisory Board and community organizations to continue to identify the community's priority issues and make investments in nonprofits and programs that complement or support the issues David and Lucile Packard cared most about—the environment, children and family support, and access to reproductive health.

**Will there be any changes to the grant program or process?**

We do not anticipate any substantive changes to the grantmaking program initially. The annual level of available funding will remain unchanged and continue to fund organizations and projects for a 12 to 24 month period. Applications will be reviewed by Caring for Colorado Senior Program Officer Randy Evetts and the Pueblo Advisory Board.

**What will be different?**

Successful applicants will receive their grant award funds from the *Packard Foundation Fund for Pueblo* a donor-advised fund established at the Denver Foundation. There may be some modest revisions to the grant application and reporting processes to ensure our new funding partners receive information required for their processes and policies. Every attempt will be made not to create additional burden for applicants and grantees and to provide a seamless experience during the transition.

**Where can I find grant and application information about the *Packard Foundation Fund for Pueblo*?**

A program overview may be found by visiting the Packard Foundation website [here](#). For more information on grant eligibility and the application process, please contact Randy Evetts at (719) 566-7841.

**How will the Packard Foundation be involved in the Pueblo grantmaking program?**

Irene Wong, Director of Local Grantmaking, and her staff will continue to review all grants recommended by Caring for Colorado Senior Program Officer Randy Evetts and the Pueblo Advisory Board to maintain consistency and alignment with the Foundation. They will also work closely with Caring for Colorado and Denver Foundation staff to ensure the grantmaking reflects the Packard Foundation founders' values and work towards the issues they cared about the most—improving the lives of children, enabling the creative pursuit of science, advancing reproductive health, and conserving and restoring the earth's natural systems. As in the past, reports will be made to the Packard Foundation senior leadership and trustees. While the *Packard Foundation Fund for Pueblo* will be managed day-to-day by Caring for Colorado and administered by the Denver Foundation, it is of great importance to us that all grantees have a positive experience working with the Packard Foundation and our partners. We encourage you to provide us with direct feedback—both on how we are doing and how we can be more effective. You can contact the Packard Foundation at [LocalGrantmaking@packard.org](mailto:LocalGrantmaking@packard.org)

**What do I do if I have a current grant from the Packard Foundation?**

All current grantee organizations should plan to submit an interim and/or final report for their current grant in accordance with their grant agreement. Grantees should continue to send reports directly to Linda Lazzarini at her new email address, [llazzarini@caringforcolorado.org](mailto:llazzarini@caringforcolorado.org).

**Will Caring for Colorado have access to my organization’s funding history with the Packard Foundation?**

The Packard Foundation will make available all past letters of intent, grant applications, and interim and final reports with Caring for Colorado. If your organization prefers not to have this information shared, please inform the Packard Foundation at [localgrantmaking@packard.org](mailto:localgrantmaking@packard.org) by February 29, 2016.

**How should I acknowledge support from the Packard Foundation?**

The Packard Foundation does not require its grantees to publicly acknowledge its support. If your organization would like to include the Packard Foundation on a donor list or in an annual report, please list “Packard Foundation Fund for Pueblo.”

**Will my organization be able to apply for funding from both Caring for Colorado and the Packard Foundation Fund for Pueblo?**

If your organization is eligible for funding from both foundations, you may apply for grants from both organizations. We are exploring ways to streamline the application process so that an organization only needs to apply once and be considered by both funders. Please check for updates on the Caring for Colorado and Packard Foundation websites.

**The Packard Foundation has been more than a grantmaker in Pueblo. Staff has frequently provided technical assistance, community leadership and advice, and counsel. How will the Packard Foundation be engaged in the community with this new collaboration?**

During our review process, we frequently heard how important it is for the Foundation to continue to play a role beyond grantmaking in Pueblo. Fortunately, Caring for Colorado Senior Program Officer Randy Evetts has significant experience and expertise working in Pueblo and with the nonprofit community. He looks forward to collaborating with community leaders and nonprofits and providing the same level of robust community engagement and support that are a hallmark of our work in Pueblo.