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PACKARD FUND
for Pueblo

Overview of 2019 Grants

A total of 43 grants were made in 2019, totaling \$750,000. Grant amounts ranged from \$2,500 to \$60,000, with an average grant size of \$17,500. Fourteen percent of awards were made to first-time grantees.

2019 Cycle 1

Bright by Three

Funding Category: Early Childhood

Grant Summary: Bright by Three will work with LAUNCH Together and other local partners in Pueblo to reach more families with their proven visitation program and Bright by Text. Efforts will be focused on leveraging mobile technology to make support networks more accessible for Pueblo families. They will also distribute more parenting toolkits to community organizations who conduct visits with families across the county.

Program Grant: \$20,000, 12 months

CASA of Pueblo

Funding Category: Youth Services

Grant Summary: CASA programs in Colorado are mandated and guided by the Colorado Children's Code. CASA of Pueblo's sole purpose is to recruit, screen and train volunteers from the community to be appointed to child welfare cases. CASA then supervises each volunteer and provides support and on-going training to each volunteer as mandated. Volunteers assigned to cases visit the child(ren) frequently; meet with the professionals involved in the case (teachers, therapists and attorneys for example); monitor compliance with court orders, attend hearings; "speak up" for the child in court and write objective reports to the court about the information they have gathered.

Operating Grant: \$50,000, 24 months

Colorado Farm to Table

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: Colorado Farm To Table will help feed the hungry in Pueblo County with fresh, free produce at no cost to those receiving it, by providing 20,000 lbs. of fresh-grown produce (cabbage, broccoli, sweet corn and acorn squash) to local distribution partners. It is estimated that 20,000 lbs will feed 16,600 unduplicated Pueblo County residents with 66,660 servings of fresh vegetables by mid-October 2019.

Program Grant: \$7,500, 12 months

Junior League of Pueblo

Funding Category: Youth Services

Grant Summary: General operating support for initiatives focused on children, youth, and families.

Operating Grant: \$10,000, 12 months

Latino History Project

Funding Category: Art, History, Culture

Grant Summary: The Latino History Project will offer a series of workshops for Pueblo in 2019, in partnership with local organizations. The teacher workshop will introduce PreK-12 teachers to the content of local Latino history and culture and familiarize them with the rich primary sources and lesson plans available on LHP's website for use in their classrooms. The workshop for community members will train volunteers on gathering historic photos, written material, interviews, and physical artifacts from their own homes, friends, and family members.

Program Grant: \$5,000, 12 months

Palmer Land Trust

Funding Category: Environment

Grant Summary: The project's goal is to preserve a critical mass of prime farmland in eastern Pueblo County while balancing the water requirements of Pueblo as a growing municipality. Recognizing the importance of maintaining productive and robust agriculture in our region, and the needs of growing Front Range municipalities, the project seeks to balance competing interests through strategic, community-based solutions.

Program Grant: \$60,000, 24 months

Pueblo Diversified Industries

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: PDI will purchase critical lifting equipment in the area of service to individuals with diverse abilities, as well as a lift in the manufacturing area.

Operating Grant: \$20,000, 12 months

Pueblo Triple Aim Corporation

Funding Category: Health

Grant Summary: PTAC works as a change-agent—creating authentic partnerships that address issues head-on. PTAC serves as the backbone facilitator that effectively and consistently brings together high level decision makers from a diverse cross-sector of the community to focus on solutions to the community's toughest and most pressing issues. As a neutral convener, PTAC has evoked its unique skills in bringing agencies who are historical competitors, to the same table, working collaboratively for the good of the community, towards a common goal.

Operating Grant: \$25,000, 12 months

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational and Charitable Foundation

Funding Category: Environment

Grant Summary: The Excelsior Food and Farm Center is envisioned as a rural community, education, and economic center where farmers, food, and beverage businesses, artists and artisans, cultural curators, scientists and educators, and other entrepreneurs work together to create and sustain a rural facility that serves as a production and distribution hub, a training, research, and education center, a community gathering place, and a tourist destination.

Program Grant: \$10,000, 12 months

Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center

Funding Category: Art, History, Culture

Grant Summary: The Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center is a multidisciplinary center for the arts that encourages people to bring out the best in others through high-quality cultural experiences.

Operating Grant: \$30,000, 24 months

STAHRS Student Athletes for Healthy RelationshipS

Funding Category: Youth Services

Grant Summary: In conjunction with the Colorado State University- Pueblo's collegiate racquetball program, STudent Athletes for Healthy RelationshipS, will implement an Anti-Bullying / Interpersonal Violence Curriculum with local high school students participating in the Junior Raquetball program. The CSU-P Raquetball team will offer a skills development program with clinics held three times per week at the CSU-P facilities and the Pueblo Athletic Club. STAHRS will provide an Anti-Bullying - Interpersonal Violence curriculum with the lessons to address issues of violence affecting our schools and students.

Grant: \$2,500, 12 months

Steelworks Center of the West

Funding Category: Art, History, Culture

Grant Summary: The Steelworks Center of the West will host a variety of activities to involve members, students, scholars and the general public in the preservation and interpretation of the rich history of the Industrial West.

Operating Grant: \$10,000, 12 months

United Way of Pueblo County

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: Matching funds will benefit the 2019 United Way Community Campaign. Funding will increase and inspire philanthropic giving in Pueblo County by providing a match on all new and increased gifts up to \$10,000. Leveraged funds will help United Way fortify its efforts in serving more of the needs of the Pueblo community.

Operating Grant: \$10,000, 12 months

2019 Cycle 2

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Pueblo

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: Funding will support Catholic Charities' programs which serve families regardless of religious, ethnic, social or economic backgrounds. Families benefit from Catholic Charities' 2Gen approach, which focuses on creating opportunities for and addressing needs of both children and the adults in their lives together. Catholic Charities utilizes a strengths- based approach and works with families to achieve their goals.

General Operating Support Grant: \$50,000, 12 months

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: Funding will help Care and Share provide nutritious food to thousands of people in Pueblo County who are struggling with hunger. Funds will be used to support the acquisition, transportation, storage, and distribution of nearly 3 million pounds of food across Pueblo County, allowing Care and Share to reach 17,000 hungry Pueblo neighbors through its network of partners and programs.

General Operating Support Grant: \$45,000, 12 months

Posada

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: Funding will help Posada provide for the immediate needs of the homeless while enabling them to overcome the problems that have led to their condition of homelessness. Supported by a thorough and aggressive case management plan, Posada's programming includes: supportive services, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, permanent housing, youth programming and shelter, and the development of affordable housing.

General Operating Support Grant: \$40,000, 12 months

Pueblo Rescue Mission

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: Funding will help Pueblo Rescue Mission provide services to a growing number of Pueblo residents experiencing chronic homelessness while helping each client take measurable steps toward personal stability. Funds will help establish a permanent shelter that is operational year round, provide a daily community meal, implement a standardized tool (HMIS) to track the services each unique client receives and the progress each makes toward stability, sharing data with collaborating agencies, and to launch a Navigation Resource Center that provides compassionate case management focused on helping clients pursue self-sufficiency and healthy choices.

General Operating Support Grant: \$35,000, 12 months

Friendly Harbor

Funding Category: Mental Health

Grant Summary: Funding will help Friendly Harbor continue to connect adults with mental health issues with the information, resources, emotional support, and referrals they need to live full lives. Friendly Harbor works with individuals and organizations to overcome the stigma currently associated with mental illness, and is a working model of peer to peer support—persons with mental illness helping each other cope with the painful reality of an often difficult world.

General Operating Support Grant: \$25,000, 12 months

Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center

Funding Category: Environment

Grant Summary: Funding will help the Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center carry out their mission. The nature education provided brings hope for a healthier environment by cultivating a more informed population. The birds of prey for which the Center administers medical and foster care, contribute to a healthier ecosystem and assists the Center with providing nature appreciation opportunities and education for people.

General Operating Support Grant: \$25,000, 12 months

Pueblo Child Advocacy Center

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: Funding will help PCAC provide a secure child-focused setting designed to provide a safe and comfortable place where forensic interviews, medical exams, and ongoing victim advocacy and support services can be provided for children and their non-offending families or caregivers.

General Operating Support Grant: \$25,000, 12 months

Pueblo Rape Crisis Services

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: Funding will help PRCS provide a 24/7 hotline and hospital victim response program, advocacy and support to clients who need long-term support, and education and community outreach to other agencies, schools, community groups, and organizations.

General Operating Support Grant: \$25,000, 12 months

Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association

Funding Category: Human Services

Grant Summary: Funding will help SCHRA offer ongoing programs that include Acudetox, Peer Recovery Coaches, Yoga/Meditation, CRAFT, Brain Synchronization Therapy, and Counseling Services.

General Operating Support Grant: \$25,000, 12 months

Teach For America

Funding Category: Education

Grant Summary: Funding will support Teach For America in its efforts to work in partnership with Pueblo City Schools to build a strong pipeline of talented educators for Pueblo's kids by growing its incoming teacher cohort by 25% over last year.

Program Support Grant: \$25,000, 12 months

Early Learning Ventures

Funding Category: Early Childhood

Grant Summary: Funding will support ELV's efforts to improve the quality of child care and increase access to Early Head Start services for eligible children in Pueblo County by providing specialized training, coaching, and professional development for child care providers and educators.

Program Support Grant: \$20,000, 12 months

Pueblo Arts Alliance

Funding Category: Art/History/Culture

Grant Summary: Funding will help PAA provide support to the creative industries in Pueblo by: collaborating for marketing, performances, and education opportunities; raising awareness in the community as to the availability of local and regional arts production and events; providing affordable studio space to artists; and promoting and facilitating economic impact through the arts.

General Operating Support Grant: \$20,000, 12 months

Pueblo Zoological Society

Funding Category: Environment

Grant Summary: Funding will support zoo operations with a focus on delivery of quality education programs and increased conservation action. Funds will directly support animal care staff who feed, care for, and provide enrichment to 500 animals daily.

General Operating Support Grant: \$20,000, 12 months

Southern Colorado Youth Development

Funding Category: Youth Services

Grant Summary: Funding will support SCYD's work with at-risk and disadvantaged youth ages 10-17, often referred by the 10th Judicial District, to develop their life focus and decision making while targeting negative behaviors. The program uses dirt bikes as motivational tools to establish expectations, consequences, and rewards.

General Operating Support Grant: \$20,000, 12 months

Conservation Colorado Education Fund

Funding Category: Environment

Grant Summary: Funding will help CCED to build a more powerful environmental advocacy voice for Pueblo's Latinx communities. CCED's Promotorxs trainings equip Latinx youth and adults with the skills to organize their communities and hold decision-makers accountable on environmental issues.

Program Support Grant: \$15,000, 12 months

Pueblo Heritage Museum

Funding Category: Art/History/Culture

Grant Summary: Funding will support museum operations with a focus on building the museum's exhibits and educational programs to promote the history of Pueblo and surrounding communities.

General Operating Support Grant: \$15,000, 12 months

History Colorado- El Pueblo History Museum

Funding Category: Art/History/Culture

Grant Summary: Funding will support the expansion and innovation of the museum's Pueblo Neighborhood Memory Project. Funding is focused on the continuation of Avondale memory Project and cultivation and launch of a Pueblo neighborhood memory project in January 2020. The grant will provide resources to pilot expansion of the project into three new demographics: (1) rural communities, (2) monolingual Spanish-speaking communities, and (3) youth.

Program Support Grant: \$10,000, 12 months

Pueblo Children's Chorale

Funding Category: Art/History/Culture

Grant Summary: Funding will support general operating expenses including: music, concert expenses, salaries for staff, touring to local schools for workshops/performances and scholarships for Chorale singers to participate.

General Operating Support Grant: \$7,500, 12 months

YMCA of Pueblo

Funding Category: Youth Services

Grant Summary: Funding will support the YMCA of Pueblo's "Power Hour" Program in partnership with Liberty Point Elementary. The program provides opportunities to help students grow and develop the skills and competencies to make positive life decisions that can lead to their success.

Program Support Grant: \$7,500, 12 months

Reach Out and Read Colorado

Funding Category: Education

Grant Summary: Funding will support established partnerships with medical clinics in Pueblo, which aim to close educational equity gaps in Pueblo by calling attention to the importance of establishing daily reading routines for families with children under the age of 6.

Program Support Grant: \$5,000, 12 months

Packard Leaders Forum Capacity Building Grants

After successfully completing the Packard Leaders Forum in 2019, the following organizations each received a *\$3,000 capacity building grant:*

1. Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County
2. Center for American Values
3. Pueblo Cooperative Care Center
4. Friendly Harbor
5. Habitat for Humanity
6. Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center
7. Pueblo Rescue Mission
8. Pueblo Triple Aim Corporation
9. Southside Children's Center
10. Teach for America- Pueblo