

PIKES PEAK UNITED WAY 2-1-1

NOW QUALIFIES FOR A 25% STATE TAX CREDIT



El Paso County Enterprise Zone Contribution Credit

The Enterprise Zone is comprised of areas identified by the Colorado Economic Development Commission as economically depressed in El Paso County. The intent of the program is to offer tax incentives to businesses and individuals in order to improve the local business climate, facilitate growth in the quantity and quality of employment opportunities, respond effectively to local business expansion opportunities and constraints, develop and sustain increased rates of business investment and job creation, foster strong partnerships with citizens, businesses and non-profits.

Projects within the Enterprise Zone create or preserve an environment that will help attract, expand or retain employers in the Enterprise Zone. To encourage Colorado taxpayers to make contributions to non-profits that make improvements to the El Paso County Enterprise Zone, a state income tax credit equal to 25% of monetary contributions is available. The following categories of projects are eligible:

- Marketing of the Enterprise Zone
- Business assistance projects such as incubators
- Job training programs
- Infrastructure projects that serve businesses
- Community development projects
- Homeless shelters that promote employment

To Take Advantage of the Credit

- Minimum donation of \$500
- Check made payable to El Paso County Enterprise Zone. Memo line: PPUW 211
- Mail to Pikes Peak United Way, 518 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
- File taxes electronically
- Receive 25% state tax credit
- Reduced credit for in-kind contributions or stock donations

EXAMPLE:

Approximately 50% of your gift will be returned to you after taxes

If you donate \$1,000 to the El Paso County Enterprise Zone, it will end up costing you about \$507 if you are in the 28% Federal Income Tax bracket.

- You receive a \$250 Colorado State Enterprise Zone - PPUW 2-1-1
- You receive approximately \$243 Federal and State Income Tax Deduction*

*Federal tax deduction is lowered because of the add-back effect of reduced state tax

Please Note: The State of Colorado is requiring anyone wishing to take advantage of the 25% El Paso County Enterprise Zone credit to do the following:

- Provide your FEIN, Social Security Number, or “Colorado Account Number” (Refer to the instructions below).
- File taxes electronically

Steps to Request Your Colorado Account Number

- You must file your taxes electronically
- Go to <https://www.colorado.gov/revenueonline>
- On the left, click: Request a Letter ID
- On the bottom right, click: Continue
- In the ID Type drop-down box, select: Social Security Number
- In the boxes, fill in the primary taxpayer’s SSN, First Name and Last Name
- On the bottom right click: Submit

Situations vary, so please consult your tax advisor

For more information: <http://adm.elpasoco.com/BudgetAdministration/EconomicDevelopment/Pages/EnterpriseZone.aspx>