

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **March 31 Update: PPCF COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund**

#### **Grants Awarded to Local Nonprofits: Extraordinary Need Remains**

(Colorado Springs, CO) **MARCH 31** – The [Pikes Peak Community Foundation \(PPCF\) Emergency Relief Fund](#) today announced additional grant awards to local nonprofits. Thanks to the community of private foundations, PPCF fund holders, and the public, 22 grants totaling \$429,000 has been awarded to nonprofit organizations since March 20.

PPCF Emergency Relief Fund, in partnership with [Pikes Peak United Way](#) and the [Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management](#), is awarding grants that prioritize immediate human needs related to food, shelter, safety and health care to those nonprofits serving the most vulnerable populations.

As of March 27, 2020, the PPCF Emergency Relief Fund has raised more than \$580,000 for El Paso and Teller Counties combined and has received requests totaling more than \$3 million. It is apparent that need outweighs available dollars and we ask those who are able to continue to support our region's COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund donate today at [PPCF.org](http://PPCF.org)

#### **By the numbers:**

##### **Total requested as of 3/27:**

- El Paso County Organizations: \$2.8 million
- Teller County Organizations: \$220,000

##### **Total awarded as of 3/27:**

- El Paso County Organizations: \$379,000

- Teller County Organizations: \$50,000

**Grants awarded to El Paso County Organizations:**

**NEW:**

- Colorado Springs Food Rescue
- Early Connections Learning Centers
- Harrison School District Two
- Kingdom Builders
- Lutheran Family Services
- Mercy's Gate
- Mt. Carmel Veteran Services Center
- Open Bible Medical Clinic and Pharmacy
- Project Angel Heart
- Springs Rescue Mission
- TESSA
- The Salvation Army
- Tri-Lakes Cares
- Westside Cares

Previously awarded:

- Care & Share
- Family Promise
- Fountain Valley Senior Center
- Silver Key Senior Services
- Status: Code 4

**Grants awarded to Teller County Organizations:**

**NEW:**

- Community of Caring Foundation/Aspen Mine Center

Previously awarded:

- Community Partnership Family Resource Center
- Teller Senior Coalition

**Quotes from Pikes Peak Community Foundation, Pikes Peak United Way**

“It is clear that need far exceeds available resources. I am grateful to the collective response from our private foundation community, PPCF Fund Holders, and the public who have stepped up to support the Emergency Relief Fund, providing critical support in the early days of this emergency,” said Gary Butterworth, CEO, Pikes Peak Community Foundation.

“As every family member, business owner, volunteer, first responder, and school age child has now realized, we have all been affected by COVID-19. Even in times of unprecedented stress, I am overwhelmed by this community’s generosity, and hopeful that those who can will continue

to support the Emergency Relief Fund and local nonprofits who have been overwhelmed by the immediate impacts and challenges associated with COVID-19,” said Butterworth

“Pikes Peak United Way strengthens our community and is committed to responding to all aspects of need during a crisis. Through partnerships, our 2-1-1 free, confidential resource and referral line, local medical supply drives and more, we believe that together, we can help every neighbor in need throughout the Pikes Peak region,” said Cindy Aubrey, CEO, Pikes Peak United Way.

**Nonprofits will find the application [HERE](#)**

**Make a donation to the fund [HERE](#)**

**COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund Supporters [HERE](#) will be updated weekly.**

### **Background**

The Emergency Relief Funds for El Paso and Teller Counties are triggered by a locally declared state of emergency. The Fund was launched during the Waldo Canyon fire in 2012 and was last activated in 2013 for the Black Forest fire and raised \$430,000 at that time.

The purpose of the Emergency Relief Funds are to provide immediate, mid-, and long-term support to organizations who serve our community’s most vulnerable during time of an emergency. As a trusted community organization, together with our partners Pikes Peak United Way (PPUW) and Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPROEM), we offer a central fund for community members to confidently make gifts to support the immediate needs of our community.

***About Pikes Peak Community Foundation*** *Pikes Peak Community Foundation has been building community since 1928. We inspire generosity, serve donors and mobilize resources to build community capital and effectively address issues facing the Pikes Peak Region. For more than 90 years, PPCF donors have invested more than \$100 million in nonprofit organizations throughout the Pikes Peak Region.*

***About Pikes Peak United Way*** *Pikes Peak United Way works to advance the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key quality of life building blocks - education, income and health. Pikes Peak United Way creates long-lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes that prevent progress in these areas. For more information about Pikes Peak United Way, please visit [ppunitedway.org](http://ppunitedway.org).*

***Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management*** *coordinates and assists first responders in an emergency as well as preparing the government and community for a disaster. It is responsible for providing mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, and coordination for large-scale emergencies and disasters, both natural and human-caused, to residents of El Paso County and Colorado Springs for the purpose of saving lives and preventing property damage.*