



MEDIA ADVISORY

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El Pomar Foundation donates \$250,000 to help people impacted by unprecedented 2018 storms

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo – El Pomar Foundation has granted \$250,000 to help people in Colorado Springs, El Paso County and Teller County who were impacted by unprecedented hail and flood damage from severe weather during July and August 2018.

People who live, work in, or were visiting the damaged area can qualify for financial assistance where other financial support is not available from federal, state and insurance. Individual grants are available to help cover costs of vehicle and house damage, deductible assistance, and temporary lodging. A temporary hail assistance center will be open on Thursday and Friday at the El Paso County Citizen Service Center, and possibly extend additional days next week if needed.

“Serious natural events like this happen suddenly and Trustees of El Pomar are in the unique position to be able to support the community in the effort to pick up and get back to our day to day lives,” said William J. Hybl, Chairman and CEO El Pomar Foundation.

“I’d like to thank El Pomar Foundation for stepping up once again to help our community during a difficult time for many of our residents,” said Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers. “We know that events like this can have a lasting impact on people trying to recover from property damage or loss of transportation, and we truly appreciate El Pomar’s assistance.”

City Council President Richard Skorman said, “We know people have been greatly impacted from the damages of recent storms, and we are grateful to El Pomar Foundation for helping out in this situation.”

El Paso County Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, who represents the hard hit Widefield-Security and Fountain areas added, “It’s just hard to comprehend the amount

of damage that has been done by to homes and vehicles by the terrible hail storms so I'm just so grateful to the El Pomar Foundation and its trustees for helping out in this way."

Commissioner Stan VanderWerf whose district includes southwest Colorado Springs, Manitou and Ute Pass said, "We are truly fortunate in El Paso County to have a private non-profit foundation like El Pomar willing to help out and to have such great collaboration between public agencies and non-profits coming together to help citizens. This was such an extraordinary event and our hearts go out to especially those who were injured and those who experienced damage to their homes and vehicles."

Temporary Hail Assistance Center

El Paso County Citizen Service Center

1675 West Garden of the Gods Road

First Floor, Room 1019

Thursday, August 9 and Friday, August 10

7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

El Paso County's Fraud Investigation Unit will perform the intake and determine eligibility. The City of Colorado Springs will serve as the fiscal agent and a finance representative will issue checks to the individuals directly on site. Eligibility guidelines and documentation requirements are listed on the attached Intake Form and Grant Distribution Guidelines.

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2018 Hail Storm Damage El Pomar Financial Assistance

Intake Form and Grant Distribution Guidelines

Financial Assistance Criteria (must select one)

- Lives in the damaged area
- Employed in the damaged area
- Visiting the damaged area

Intake Guidelines

1. El Paso County Finance Representative will interview the applicant and determine eligibility.
2. For vehicle damage, the applicant will need to bring in the following:
 - a. Driver's license or other government issued picture ID
 - b. A picture of their damaged vehicle to include a picture of their license plate - an electronic picture of both taken on their cell phone will suffice
 - c. Vehicle Registration for the damaged vehicle
3. For home damage, the applicant will need to bring in the following:
 - a. Driver's license or other government issued picture ID
 - b. A picture of their damaged home to include a picture of the house number located on the exterior of their home - an electronic picture of both taken on their cell phone will suffice
 - c. Proof of ownership - mortgage statement or property tax statement, etc.
4. Temporary Lodging
 - a. Driver's license or other government issued picture ID
 - b. A picture of their damaged residence to include proof that temporary relocated lodging was required (hotel receipt)

Additional guidelines:

- Maximum per household of \$1,250
- Same Amounts apply to uninsured individuals
- Other damages at the discretion of the Intake Team in an amount not to exceed \$100 per item, household max of \$1,250 still applies