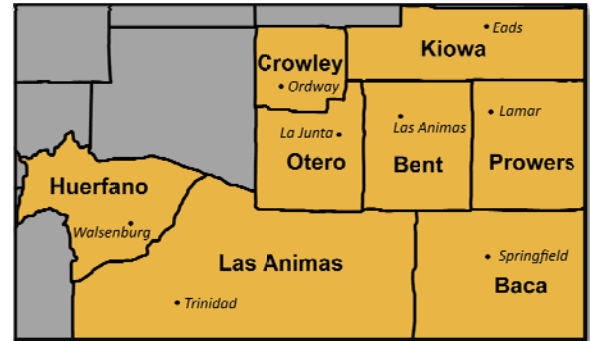


Rural Philanthropy Days in Southeast Colorado

Serving Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, and Prowers counties

Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) was developed to better acquaint private funders with rural nonprofits and the issues they face in their communities. In the early 1990s, Community Resource Center (CRC) found that *only three percent of funds granted by Colorado's private funding community were awarded outside of the Front Range*. RPD provides an opportunity for Colorado's funding community to interface with nonprofits and community organizations in rural communities. The mission of RPD is to give communities access to newly identified resources, opportunities for collaboration, and capacity-building services in order to more effectively meet the needs of rural Colorado communities. Each RPD event provides trainings for nonprofit capacity building, discussions on the region's key issues, and a time for the local nonprofits to connect with funders.



Two years after an RPD event, local nonprofits typically experience an increase of 140-percent in the average sum donated to rural nonprofits; an increase of 37-percent in the average number of grants to rural nonprofits; and an increase of 65-percent in the average amount per grant.

In the Southeast Region: Between the 2002 and 2006 conferences, total grant dollars increased from about \$665,000 to over \$2,000,000 per year, from the core RPD funders. In a region hit especially hard by the 2008 recession, total grant dollar amounts were maintained at this level or slightly increased between the 2006 and 2010 conferences (Table 1). After the 2010 event, 95% of attendees felt they had learned professionally applicable skills to bring back to their nonprofits and communities. At the 2014 Southeast RPD conference, CRC will release a comprehensive, digital dataset that represents the RPD funding impact from 2009 – 2013, including: total grant dollars, total grant size and total grant number. Grant recipients and amounts will also be provided. Visit this link to use the tool to explore the impact of RPD funders in the Northwest and Western Slope regions: <http://www.crcamerica.org/ws-data-map/>.

Year	# Grants	\$\$ Grant	RPD Year	Population	Unemployment Rate
2000	39	\$674,000	3	75518	4.0
2001	33	\$1,014,472	4	74693	4.3
2002	42	\$667,465	1	74718	5.5
2003	70	\$1,041,938	2	74521	6.5
2004	82	\$1,348,685	3	74034	6.0
2005	86	\$1,441,130	4	73711	5.9
2006	94	\$2,112,061	1	73420	5.1
2007	116	\$1,967,004	2	72633	4.1
2008	158	\$2,383,627	3	72904	5.2
2009	105	\$2,410,132	4	73154	7.5