



HELPING THE FUNDING BEGIN WHERE THE PAVEMENT ENDS



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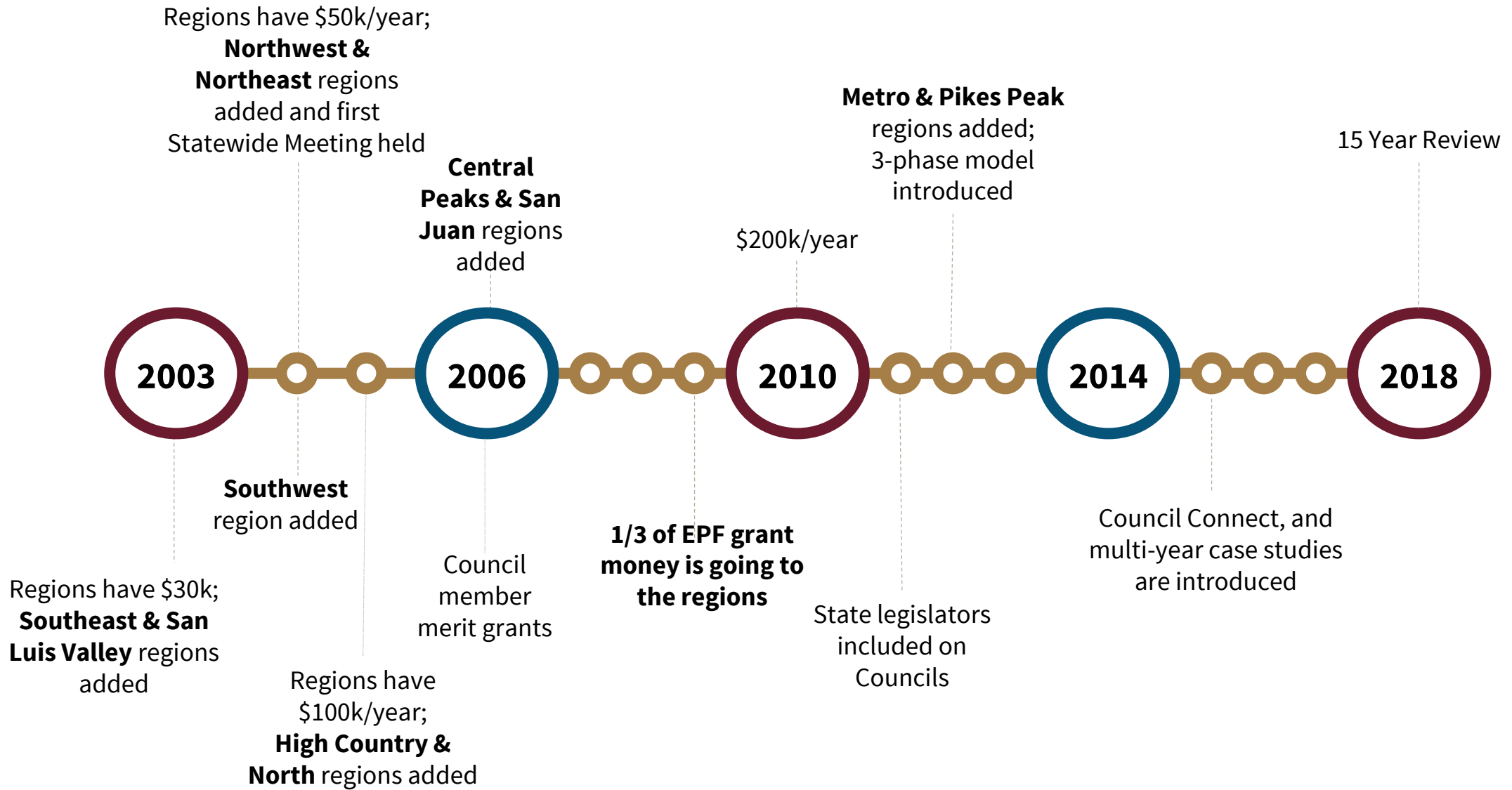
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

A Program of El Pomar Foundation

Regional Partnerships is geographically based and combines El Pomar Foundation and local resources to impact and serve the needs of Colorado communities

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing rolling sand dunes in the foreground, with a large, rugged mountain peak covered in snow and patches of evergreen forest in the background under a clear blue sky. The dunes are illuminated by bright sunlight, creating sharp shadows. The mountain's peaks are partially covered in white snow, contrasting with the dark green of the forest on its slopes.

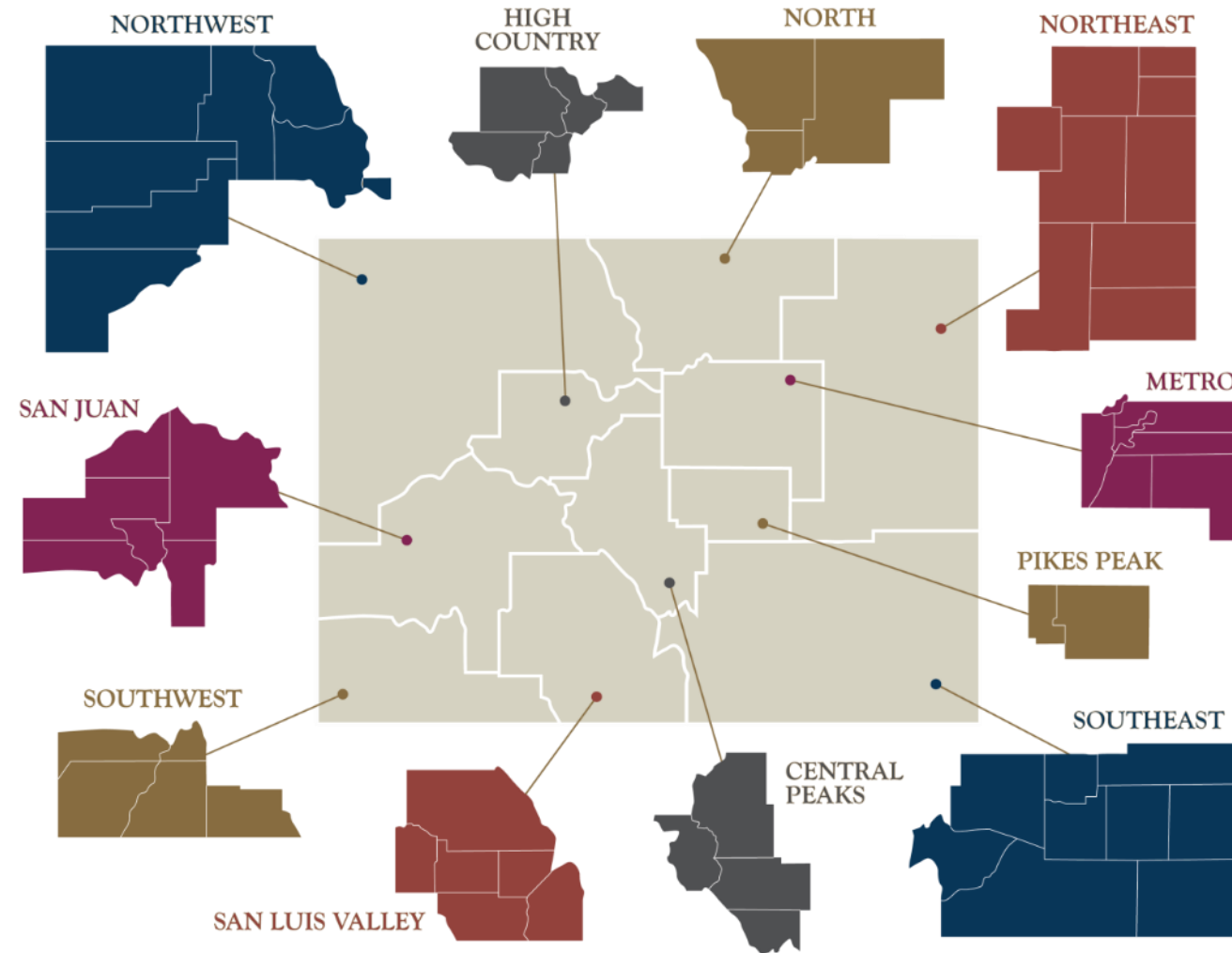
HISTORY



A scenic landscape featuring a winding paved path that curves through a lush, green valley. To the left of the path, a calm river flows, bordered by dense vegetation. The background is dominated by towering, rugged mountains with visible geological strata, partially covered in evergreen forests. The sky above is filled with soft, white clouds, allowing patches of blue to peek through. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

HOW IT WORKS

REGIONAL COUNCILS



Livable communities to work, stay and play



THE PEOPLE

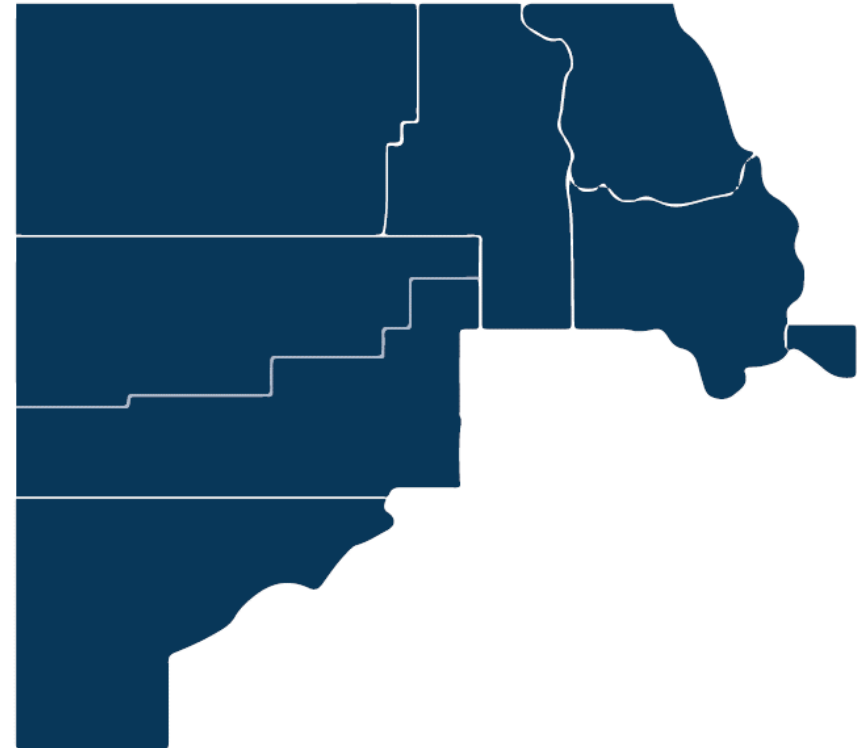
Example: The Northwest Region

Council Members

- Chief Administration Officer, Alpine Bank
- President, Colorado Mountain College
- Regent Emeritus, University of Colorado
- President, Colorado Mesa University
- Colorado State Representative, District 57
- President, Grand River Construction
- CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Colorado

El Pomar Staff

- Dave Palenchar, Trustee
- Cathy Robbins, Senior Vice President
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Case Study

NORTHWEST COUNCIL



Education

Workforce development



GOALS

Diversify the economy through workforce development by supporting first-generation college students and developing a technically competent workforce to attract employers



FUNDING

Scholarships \$75,000 (2013-2016)
Summer Camps \$50,000 (2013-2016)
Institutional Grants \$717,400 over 6 years



GRANT PARTNERS

Colorado Mesa University
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado Northwestern Community College
Western Colorado Community College



STRATEGIES



- Middle school educational summer camps
- Concurrent enrollment opportunities in high school
- Two-year scholarship to any of the four institutions (\$1,000 annually, matched by the institution)
- Program support from:

Apprenticeship program at CNCC
Career counselors in high schools (CMU)



- Support for the "Mountain Futures Fund" (CMC)

RESULTS:

- 31 scholarships awarded (17 for the 2018-2019 school year)
- 53 camps serving 726 students in summer 2017



15 YEAR EVALUATION

- Evaluate success of the first 15 years
- Assess the future
- Data collection
 - 42 Interviews
 - 70 Survey Respondents
 - Legislator Focus Group
 - Environmental Scan
 - Over **700** unique data points

STRENGTHS

- The network
- Interest in finding local solutions
- Ability to convene
- Trustee and staff presence



IMPACT

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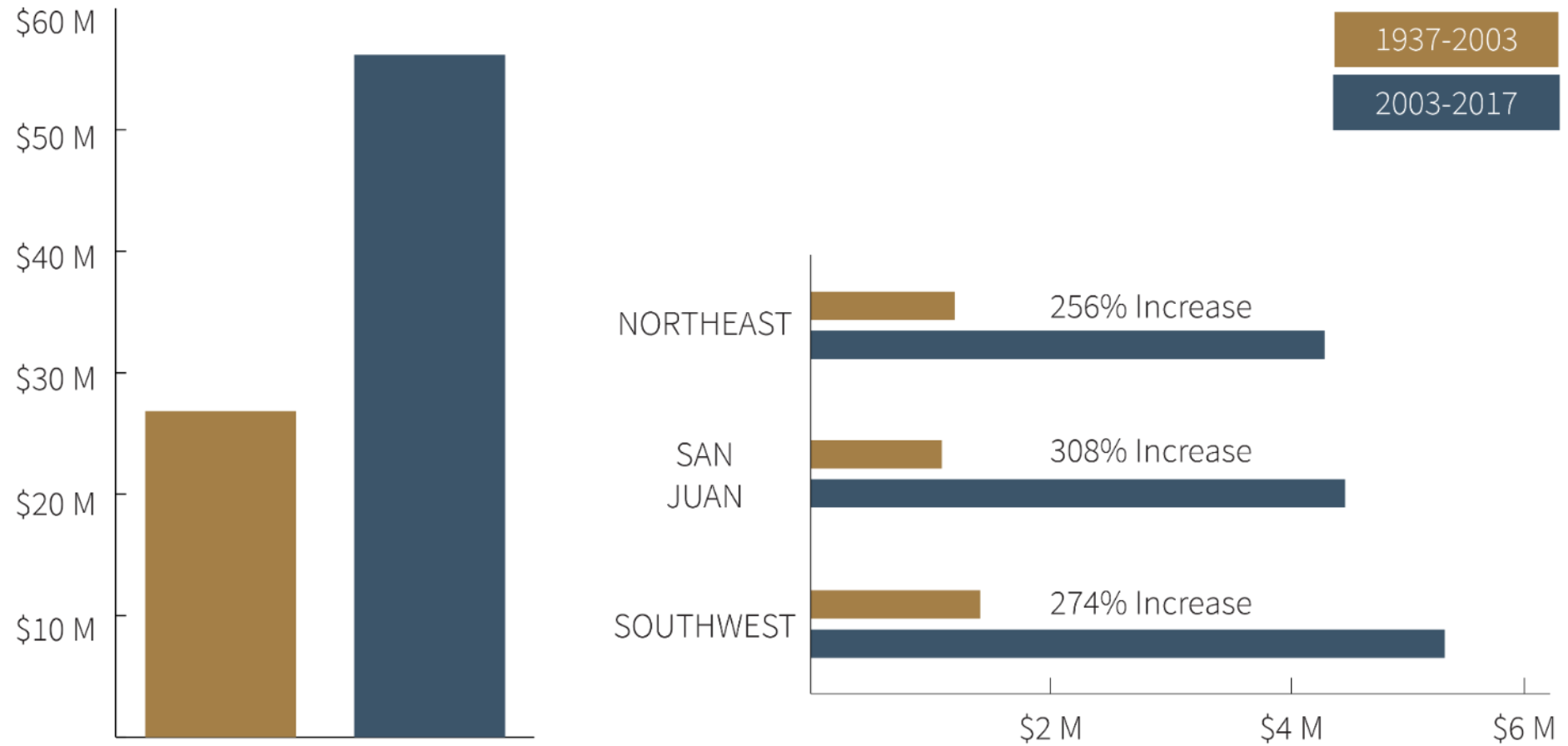
15 YEARS
AFTER REGIONAL
PARTNERSHIPS
2003 - 2017

Rural Grants (28%)

Urban Grants (72%)



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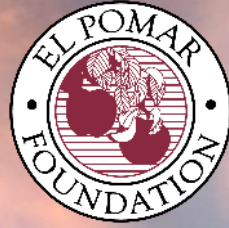
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