

Credits for Any Taxpayer In or Out of the Zone

Enterprise Zone Contributions Credit

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.

In addition, if the donation and recipient are eligible under federal rules, the federal charitable contribution deduction can be taken. No credits are allowed for contributions that directly benefit the contributor. The goal of Enterprise Zone projects is to create or preserve an environment that will help attract, expand or retain employers in the Enterprise Zone.

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

The Colorado Economic Development Commission and the El Paso County Enterprise Zone Administrator have approved a variety of projects that assist in "implementing the economic development plan" of the Enterprise Zone. Approved projects are listed below. In order to claim the credit, checks must be payable to the El Paso County Enterprise Zone with the project for which the contribution is made in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the individual projects or directly to the Enterprise Zone at 200 S. Cascade Ave, Ste 150, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. A "Certification of Qualified Enterprise Zone Contribution" will be returned to the contributor to attach to the Colorado Income Tax form. Both businesses and individuals can take the credit.

In-kind donations are also eligible for the credit; the credit is 12.5%. Stock contributions are considered in-kind and must be transferred to the Enterprise Zone. To determine if in-kind contributions will be accepted, please check with the project and the Zone Administrator.

Eligible Projects

[Assistance League of Colorado Springs](#) (719) 475-2627

[Care & Share Food Bank](#) (719) 528-1247

[Community Ventures Public Benefit Programs](#) (719) 886-0088

[Colorado Springs CVB Tourism Marketing](#) (719) 635-7506

[Colorado Springs Downtown Partnership Marketing](#) (719) 886-0088

[Colorado House & Resource Center](#) (719) 325-5835

[Colorado Springs Conservatory](#) (719) 577-4556

[Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center](#) (719) 477-4319

[Colorado Springs Philharmonic](#) (719) 575-9632

[Colorado Springs Public Market](#)

[Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum Restoration](#) (719) 385-5633

[Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance](#) (719) 471-8183

[Colorado Springs Science Center Project](#) (719) 632-4352

[Colorado Springs Small Business Development Center](#) (719) 667-3803

[Colorado Springs Sports Corporation](#) (719) 634-7333

[Colorado Springs Street Car Project](#) (719) 475-9508

[Colorado Springs Technology Incubator](#) (719) 262-3104

[Colorado Springs Teen Court](#) (719) 475-7815

[COPPeR](#) (719) 634-2204

[Cottonwood Artists' School](#) (719) 520-1899

[Crossfire Ministries, Inc.](#) (719) 447-1806

[Discover Goodwill of Southern & Western Colorado](#) (719) 636-2682

[Ecumenical Social Ministries Homeless Services Job Training](#) (719) 228-6582

[El Paso County Fairgrounds](#) (719) 520-6996

[Ellicott Wildlife & Rehabilitation Center](#) (719) 683-8152

[Foundation for C.S. Future Bus. Assist. Projects](#) (719) 680-1186

[Greccio Housing Homeless](#) (719) 475-1422

[Homeward Pikes Peak](#) (719) 955-0731

[Imagination Celebration](#) (719) 244-6876

[Interfaith Hospitality Network - Colorado Springs](#) (719) 329-1244

[Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado, Inc.](#) (719) 636-2474

[Legacy Loop - Fountain Creek Watershed Greenway Fund](#)

[Marian House Soup Kitchen](#) (719) 866-6440

[Mountain Post Historical Center](#) (719) 633-2867

[Partners in Housing Homeless](#) (719) 325-5835

[Peak Startup](#)

[Pikes Peak Community College Foundation](#) (719) 502-2013

[Peak Vista Community Health Centers](#) (719) 228-6605

[Pikes Peak Community Action Agency Family Stabilization](#) (719) 471-7870

[Pikes Peak Community Foundation](#) (719) 389-1251

[Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity](#) (719) 475-7800

[Pikes Peak Library District Foundation](#) (719) 531-6333

[Pikes Peak United Way 2-1-1 Information and Referral](#) (719) 632-1534

[PILLAR Institute for Lifelong Learning](#) (719) 633-4991

[Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust](#) (719) 447-9300

[Salvation Army R.J. Montgomery Center Homeless](#) (719) 884-1052

[SET Homeless Health / Family Clinics](#) (719) 328-0908

[Silver Key Senior Services](#) (719) 884-2300

[Springs Rescue Mission Homeless](#) (719) 314-2346

[The Space Foundation](#) (719) 576-8000

[TLC Pharmacy](#) (719) 596-4449

[UCCS Main Campus Capital Project](#) (719) 262-3000

[Urban Peak \(Colorado Springs\) Homeless Youth Services](#) (719) 630-3223

[US Olympic Museum](#) (719) 358-6325

[Venetucci Farm Project](#) (719) 389-1251

[Westside CARES](#) (719) 389-0759