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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Dear Chinook Fund community,

A new generation of people are seeing and experiencing the importance and effectiveness of grassroots community mobilizing. The current political and social moment recalls why the Chinook Fund was established in 1987.

In 2016, the Chinook Fund established the Giving Project as an extraordinary opportunity for a diverse group of people of all income levels to come together and learn that social change happens best when it is constituent-led, community-wide, and designed to address root causes of oppression. In fiscal year 2017, we successfully completed our second and third Giving Project cycles. Each cycle was characterized by high energy and passion, increased fundraising capabilities, and fostered new commitment to social justice in Colorado.

The Chinook Fund experienced some important changes in 2017. After seven years as our Executive Director, Nora Bashir stepped down. The Board of Directors is grateful and appreciative of Nora’s passion and commitment. A key strength of a strong leader is their ability to build up the leaders around them. Because of the groundwork laid by Chinook Fund’s leaders we are confident about the future, aware of our challenges and opportunities, and ready to find our next powerful Executive Director.

In 2018, we plan to take Chinook Fund from the best kept secret in Colorado to the most visible leader and funder of grassroots social change! We invite you to join us in that vision by sharing information about the Giving Project with your networks and attending our upcoming events. As always, we are excited to start this new year with you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hernandez
BOARD CHAIR
MISSION

Chinook Fund supports grassroots organizations working on issues of social and economic justice; by pooling our collective resources, we seed groups making a positive, systemic impact to improve the quality of life for all Coloradans.

HISTORY

Chinook Fund was established in 1987 by a group of thoughtful donors who built the organization around a grantmaking model that places funding decisions in the hands of community members.

For over 30 years, Chinook Fund has relied on this model of community-led grantmaking to provide financial support and organizational assistance to grassroots groups working toward social change. We prioritize community organizing as the core strategy to engage and empower these organizations to advance equality and overcome injustice.
OUR PEOPLE

STAFF

Nora Bashir  
Executive Director  
Sept. 2013-Nov. 2017

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Giving Project Director  

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THE GIVING PROJECT

ABOUT
The Giving Project is an innovative model for funding social change, building community, and fostering leaders. It brings together a multi-racial, cross-class group of people to strengthen their skills in fundraising, grantmaking, and movement building. They develop a shared analysis of race, class, and power, then collectively raise and grant money to organizations working for systemic change in Colorado.

9 SESSIONS
6 MONTHS

ANALYSIS
Build shared analysis of race and class.
Build a cross-class, cross-race social justice philanthropic community.

SKILL BUILDING
Learn and practice the ideas of grassroots fundraising.
Learn about the Chinook Fund grantmaking process & social justice philanthropy.

CALL OR EMAIL:
Call or email the Program Director, Juliette Lee, to set up an informational meeting:
303-455-6905 x2
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ACTION
Utilize a democratic grantmaking process to review, discuss and select grantees.
Raise funds for the grant pool.
OUR COHORTS

FALL 2016

Alyssa Valdez
Brea Zeise
Desirae Salazar-Sarabia
Emily Elsenbast
Erik Ortiz
Hana Dansky
Jason Barth
Kathleen Ferrick
LaRae Martinez
LeRita Cavness
Megan Garn
Meghan Carrier
Shay Gonzales
Shalelia Dillard

$51,050 COLLECTIVELY RAISED FOR GRANTS
10 ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED

SPRING 2017

Angela Schreffler
Bailey Connor
Cassandra Cordova
Clarence Mills
David B. Weaver
Elizabeth Crowe
Elizabeth Sterling
Emily Treece
Erika Daggett
Heather Schreck
Jennifer Bell
Katie Terrazas Hoover
Kimiko Tanabe
Lindsay Fallon
Luis Ponce
Mahi Palanisami
Mary Miller
Melanie Archuleta
Neal Feldman
Sachi Ishida
Vikki Fininen
Zach Booz

$73,700 COLLECTIVELY RAISED FOR GRANTS
19 ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED
## OUR GRANTEEES

### ARTS, CULTURE & MEDIA

- **CAFÉ CULTURA**
  - Established, Multi-Year
  - Funding: $5,500

- **MOTUS THEATER**
  - Established, Multi-Year
  - Funding: $5,500

- **MINOR DISTURBANCE**
  - Established
  - Funding: $4,700

- **THEATRE ESPRIT ASIA**
  - Established
  - Funding: $4,700

- **CREATIVE STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE**
  - Start-Up
  - Funding: $2,750

- **YOUR COLFAX NEWS**
  - Start-Up
  - Funding: $2,000

- **PROJECT AVA**
  - Start-Up
  - Funding: $1,000

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- **COLORADO CIRCLES FOR CHANGE**
  - Formally Known as VORP; Established, Multi-Year
  - Funding: $5,500

- **DENVER JUSTICE PROJECT**
  - Start-Up
  - Funding: $2,400

### DISABILITY RIGHTS

- **ATLANTIS ADAPT**
  - Established
  - Funding: $5,500

### ECONOMIC JUSTICE/WORKER RIGHTS

- **EL CENTRO HUMANITARIO**
  - Established, Multi-Year
  - Funding: $7,300

### ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & LAND RIGHTS

- **CONEJOS CLEAN WATER**
  - Established, Multi-Year
  - Funding: $7,300

- **COLORADO JOBS WITH JUSTICE**
  - Established, Multi-Year
  - Funding: $5,500

- **GREENLEAF**
  - Established, Multi-Year
  - Funding: $5,500

- **WOODBINE ECOLOGY CENTER**
  - Start-Up
  - Funding: $2,400
FALL 2016 & SPRING 2017

DENVER PERMACULTURE GUILD
START-UP

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

COMPAÑEROS
ESTABLISHED, MULTI-YEAR

EL CENTRO AMISTAD
ESTABLISHED

HISPANIC AFFAIRS PROJECT
ESTABLISHED, MULTI-YEAR

LGBTQIA+ JUSTICE;
ANTI-OFFRESSION

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF COLORADO
ESTABLISHED

DENVER HOMELESS OUT LOUD
ESTABLISHED

MONTBELLO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED

SATYA YOGA
START-UP

AURARIA CASA MAYAN HERITAGE
START-UP

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

PROJECT VOYCE
ESTABLISHED

AL FRENTE DE LUCHA
ESTABLISHED

YAASPA
START-UP

INSPIRE
START-UP

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING:
A process that brings together exploited or oppressed people to change systems or institutions that affect their lives and communities through grassroots mobilization and actions that demonstrate collective power.
We officially kicked off a new decade of social change with a historic community building effort on June 3rd. We’re proud to have hosted 34 grantee agencies at our Anniversary Grantee Gathering before filling the Redline Art Gallery with more than 200 community leaders and activists, to commemorate Chinook Fund’s 30 years of social justice feats. Together, we raised over $25,000 and built ongoing support for our commitment to make Colorado a better place for everyone.

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We are not just about the here and now, but a reflection of our past and future to listen, to witness and to recognize. To witness the fearless visionaries. To recognize the power of Chinook Fund, to help convert shared beliefs and progressive ideals to collective action through our front line investments in grassroots community organizing.

- Nora Bashir, Executive Director, 30 Plus Change
Measuring social change is much like doing the work – a multi-faceted, interdisciplinary approach is necessary to capture the full range of our efforts.

When looking at our impacts, we at Chinook Fund like to say that the who we fund is only half of the story; the other crucial half is how we fund. Over 30 years, we have deftly honed our criteria to reflect effective community organizing and advocacy as reflected by our philosophy and practice.

All of our grantees, including the groups highlighted in the following timeline snapshots, embody our guidelines of being Constituent-Led, Community-Wide, and creating a Lasting Effect.

The events and organizations highlighted in the following pages are just the beginning of a large undertaking here at Chinook Fund to categorize and display the long-term effect of our funding and community engagement. While we know as well as you that this work is far from over, we celebrate the great strides made over the last 30 years by our grantees and community.

To interact with the full timeline, visit: timeline.chinookfund.org

To contribute to the impact, visit: chinookfund.org/donate-now
Chinook Fund Founded
1987
Chinook Fund is created by people of wealth committed to changing power dynamics by putting grantmaking power in the hands of communities most impacted by oppression. Modeled after the Funding Exchange, Chinook Fund joins a network of sister funds across the country funding social justice community organizing.

A Firm Stance
2006
Chinook Fund continues to be visibly radical as a funder and community organization, publicly taking a stand on immigration, marriage equality, and many other controversial issues in Colorado.

Beginning of Grantmaking
1990
Chinook Fund begins its legacy by funding community organizing groups across Colorado through an activist-led Grantmaking Committee (GMC). A trendsetter in Colorado, we are the only foundation at the time shifting power dynamics to ensure the committee holds full grantmaking power.

Education as a Radical Act
2002
Chinook Fund’s grantmaking program is so successful that volunteers and grantees ask for additional education from our staff and communities. Chinook Fund responds by piloting an anti-oppression education program.

Resources to Expand
1995
Chinook fund support, resources, and community grow to such a level that we buy a house to create more intentional community space for our grantmaking.
From GMC to The Giving Project

2015
Grantmaking committee members, past and current volunteers, donors, and community members are brought in to large dialogue to gauge community support for implementation of a new model of grantmaking – The Giving Project. Board approves piloting of The Giving Project model for 2016 spring grantmaking cycle. This model brings in new volunteers and incorporates aspects of the Social Justice Institute and a model from Social Justice Fund, which Chinook Fund now partners with for guidance. Giving Project volunteers fundraise grant dollars and make grants through Chinook Fund’s community process.

Critical Funding

2013
Chinook Fund continues to take risks in funding start-up, grassroots organizations creating community-led solutions to injustice. We are first funders for the HIV/AIDs movement, LGBTQIA+ justice, homelessness activism, food justice, and many more.

30 Years of Change

2017
Chinook Fund celebrates 30 years as Colorado’s premier local social justice funder – giving out 2.9 million to 333 organizations in the form of 888 grants.
LGBTQIA+ JUSTICE

Organizing to Educate around the HIV/AIDS Epidemic
1987
Grantee Changemakers: ACT-UP DENVER-AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, CGLTF- Colorado Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Walking Tall
Chinook Fund quickly recognized the need to support the LGBTQ movement in Denver. During the Reagan era, a time when Americans were witnessing a conservative shift in politics that closely resembled the closeted culture of the ‘50s, Chinook Fund began moving resources to grassroots organizations addressing civil rights issues and responding to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Anti-Discrimination Act
2007
Grantee Changemakers: Speakers Project to End Discrimination, Transgender Rights Legal Defense & Education Project. Four Corners Safe School Coalition, Survivors Organizing for Liberation
Through their efforts and advocacy, grassroots organizations in Denver play a central role in passing Colorado’s Anti-Discrimination Act and Employment Nondiscrimination Act, adding protections for sexual orientation and transgender identities in the workplace, areas of housing, and public accommodations.

1987 Amendment 2 Resistance
1992
Grantee Changemakers: Four Corners Action Coalition, Gender Identity Center, Le Gente Unida, Lambda Community Center, Pueblo After 2, Western Equality, GLBT Community Services Center of Denver, Equality Colorado, Black Mens XChange, Ground Zero
After 53% of Colorado voters approve Amendment 2, Chinook Fund provides more grants to LGBTQIA+ organizations across the state than all previous years combined.

1992-2006 Amendment 2 Unconstitutional
1996
Grantee Changemakers: Colorado Safe School Coalition, Inside/Out Youth Services
The U.S. Supreme Court hears the case for Amendment 2 and rules it unconstitutional. Our community gains some momentary relief, but continues planting seeds for justice and preparing for the battles ahead.

2006 Amendment 43 Resistance
Grantee Changemakers: Simple Justice, Two Spirit Society of Denver
Amendment 43 passes, adding a new section to the Colorado constitution banning same-sex marriage. Chinook Fund’s roots within the LGBTQIA+ community begin to deepen as we support our grantees fighting on the front lines of civil rights obstruction.
Civil Union Act
2013
Grantee Changemakers: Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, PFLAG Denver, Southern Colorado Equality Alliance
Recognition and respect for the LGBTQ community in Denver emerges prominently as Colorado adopts the Civil Union Act in 2013, establishing relationship recognition for same-sex couples.

Transgender Justice
2017
Changemakers: You
As we celebrate 30 years of social justice successes, we keep in mind the pervasive nature of systemic oppression. Now that transgender rights have become the focus of the latest struggle between federal and state lawmakers, Chinook Fund is determined to keep fighting the good fight for equality and remains dedicated to another 30 Plus years of progressive change across Colorado.

Justice 4 Nate & Jessie Vive
2014
Grantee Changemakers: Survivors Organizing for Liberation (formerly known as Colorado Anti-Violence Program)
On March 1st, 2014, Nate Mancha defended himself against a homophobic hate crime. Nate was arrested and remained in jail for almost 9 months until his trial. The jury came back with a guilty verdict for 1st degree Felony Assault charge. On Dec 12th, Nate was given the maximum sentence of 32 years. Nate's support campaign continues through 2017.

Jessie Hernandez was a young queer Latina who was murdered by the Denver Police Department on January 26, 2015. The fight for justice for Jessie's family and community continues through 2017.
 IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

Immigration Act of 1990
1990
Grantee Changemakers: Colorado Progressive Coalition, Colorado Refugee Coalition, Colorado Coalition Against English Only
Chinook Fund celebrated with the nation when Congress passed was the Immigration Act of 1990, which increased available visas by 40 percent, retained family reunification as the major entry path, doubled employment-related immigration, and was the first immigration law to address intersectionality by removing homosexuality as a reason to disqualify foreigners from immigrating or even visiting the United States.

PATRIOT & DREAM Acts
2001
Grantee Changemakers: Pueblo Immigrante en Marcha, Colorado Progressive Coalition, Rights for All People, El Centro Amistad, El Centro Humanitario
The passing of the PATRIOT Act leaves immigrant communities susceptible to unjust targeting and treatment by law enforcement and government agencies. Chinook Fund continues to lead the resistance by funding local immigrant and refugee rights movements. With unwavering support and aid from grassroots organizations across the nation, the DREAM Act is first introduced in Congress.

National Regression
1996
Grantee Changemakers: Rights for All People, Compañeros Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center
Three major bills pass that lay the framework for the modern deportation spikes we still see today. The Illegal Immigration Reform, Immigrant Responsibility Act, Anti-Terrorism Act and Effective Death Penalty Act increased the imprisonment of non-violent, non-criminal immigrants and allowed for the deportation of immigrants with minor crimes. These laws made it significantly easier to deport people and a lot harder for unauthorized immigrants to ‘get legal,’ ultimately resulting in the deportation of 200,000. This same year, Chinook Fund begins funding two organizations; Rights for All People and Companeros Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center. Twenty years later, these two organizations are still leading the fight for Immigrant rights across our state.
**Raids in Colorado**

2013

Chinook Fund Changemakers: AJUA, Burma Community Rangers, Global Refugee Center, Compañeros Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center, Somali American Community Center of Colorado, Hispanic Affairs Project

Raids continue throughout Colorado. Immigrants are deported and detained, but Chinook Fund grantees are leading the way advocating for changes in legislation and educating populations in cities and rural areas of Colorado with Know Your Rights trainings as part of their action.

**Expansion of DACA**

2014

Grantee Changemakers: Hispanic Affairs Project, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, Rights for All People, Compañeros, El Centro AMISTAD

The Executive Action creating Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and programs allowing undocumented immigrants to qualify for deferred action and apply for work permits is huge step for immigrant rights; this progress is directly linked to organizing work on a local level by Chinook Fund grantees and coalitions who worked tirelessly to inform lawmakers of their issues and community-driven solutions.

**Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

2006-2007

Grantee Changemakers: We are America Alliance, El Centro AMISTAD, El Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores, Compañeros Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center, Pueblo Inmigrante

Demonstrations erupt nationwide as immigrants and allies rally for immigration reform. Chinook Fund visibly participates at the forefront of actions and rallies in support of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act.

**Openly Hostile Administration**

2017

Changemakers: You

As we celebrate 30 years of social justice successes and continued resistance, we cannot ignore the current climate regarding immigration in our country. It is imperative that Colorado continue to protect our most marginalized communities and fight unlawful and unjust legislation that directly targets these populations. Chinook Fund remains dedicated to another 30 Plus Years of immigrant justice across Colorado.
Civil Disobedience
1987
Grantee Changemakers: Atlantis Community, Atlantis ADAPT
Over the course of seven years of direct action, ADAPT (Americans Disabled for Accessible Public Transit), rises in the national spotlight demanding access to public transit in Denver.

Americans with Disabilities Act
1990
Grantee Changemakers: Atlantis ADAPT, Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities, People First, Capitol Hill Action & Recreation Group
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is Civil Rights legislation that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications, and government activities. This milestone is directly attributable to direct action by Atlantis ADAPT.

Olmstead Supreme Court Case
1999
Grantee Changemakers: Atlantis ADAPT, Capitol Hill Action & Recreation Group, Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities, Sangre de Cristo Independent Living Center, Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, DCRA @ Ctr for Community Development, Disability Careers, Inc., Denver Center For Independent Living, NAMI-Colorado
A United States Supreme Court case regarding discrimination held that under the Americans with Disability Act, individuals with mental disabilities have the right to live in the community rather than in institutions.
**Money Follows the Person**

2005

Grantee Changemakers: DBA BrainStorm Career Services, ARC of Larimer County, Atlantis ADAPT, Family Voices Colorado, Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities

Money Follows the Person (MFP) is integrated into healthcare funding. MFP is part of a comprehensive, coordinated strategy to assist U.S. states to make widespread changes to their long-term care support systems. This initiative will assist states in their efforts to reduce their reliance on institutional care, while developing community-based long-term care opportunities, thus enabling the elderly and people with disabilities to fully participate in their communities.

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**Community First Choice Option (CFCO)**

2013

Grantee Changemakers: Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Atlantis ADAPT, Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities, Family Voices Colorado

CFCO will move the Home and Community-Based Services waiver into the Medicaid state plan. These services include hands-on assistance, safety monitoring, queuing for assistance with activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living and health related functions based on functional needs, not diagnosis or age.

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**Affordable Care Act**

2017

Grantee Changemakers: Atlantis ADAPT, Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition

18 disability rights advocates were arrested protesting Colorado representative support of the repeal of the ACA. Due in large part to the demonstrations of Chinook Fund grantee activists, the ACA lives on, ensuring that those who need care are still covered.

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**Healthcare is a Civil Right**

2017

Changemakers: You

As we celebrate 30 years of fighting for what is right for our most vulnerable populations in Colorado. Chinook Fund is determined to keep fighting the good fight and remains dedicated to another 30 Plus years of progressive disability rights work for Coloradoans.
WORKER JUSTICE

Jobs with Justice
1987
Grantee Changemakers: Proyecto de Poder Trabajador Agricola, Colorado Labor Forum, Colorado Jobs with Justice
In addition to Chinook Fund’s creation in 1987, the national organization, Jobs with Justice, also formed with the goals of creating a sustainable, powerful network of grassroots coalitions to strengthening the movement for workers’ rights, economic justice, and our democracy.

Civil Rights Act Passed
1991
Civil Rights Act is passed which expands the rights of employees who sue their employers for discrimination.

Family and Medical Leave Act
1993
The FMLA federally requires employers to provide employees with job-protected and unpaid leave for qualified medical and family reasons. Coalitions built amongst many grantee partners ensured this bill was passed.

Making Change at Walmart & OUR Walmart
2005
Grantee Changemakers: 9 to 5 Colorado, Colorado ACORN, Elyria/Swansea/Globeville, People United for Families, Boulder Living Wage Campaign, Colorado Jobs with Justice, El Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores
Making Change at Walmart & OUR Walmart are created to create economic change in targeting this large organization for economic reform.
**2009-2010**

**POWER Act Introduced**

**2009-2010**

**Grantee Changemakers:** 9 to 5 Colorado, Colorado Jobs with Justice

Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act is signed into law by President Obama, it rolled back severe restrictions on the time-period for filing complaints of employment discrimination concerning compensation, Protect Our Workers from Exploitation and Retaliation Act (POWER Act) is first introduced to congress.

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**2012-2016**

**Surge in Grassroots Organizing**

**2012**

**Grantee Changemakers:** Colorado Jobs with Justice, 9 to 5

Fight for 15 is created to push for $15 minimum wage across the U.S. The Debt-Free Future Campaign begins campaigning for mechanisms to reduce student debt. 'Ban the Box' campaign is signed by Gov. Hickenlooper, and coalition of worker rights organizations and civic engagement efforts reach 250,000 Colorado voters.

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**2017**

**Amendment 70**

**2016**

**Grantee Changemakers:** Colorado Jobs with Justice, Colorado People’s Alliance, Interfaith Alliance of Colorado

Passage of Amendment 70 institutes a plan to reach a $12 minimum wage by 2020, Supreme Court rejects home care exclusion of caregivers from minimum wage and overtime protections.

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**Protecting the Working Class**

**2017**

**Changemakers:** You

A plan to reach a minimum wage of $12 is a good start for Colorado workers but we know there are many other issues that must be addressed to protect and support our working class identities – particularly around the intersectionality of race, gender, sexual orientation, and undocumented status. Chinook Fund grantees are hard at work canvassing, educating, organizing, and demanding change from legislators and fellow Coloradoans.
ARTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Meaningful Legacy
1987-1990
Grantee Changemakers: Su Teatro, Colorado Black Arts Festival, Terra Infirma, Chicano Humanities & Arts Council, Ya Basta, Eulipilons
Chinook Fund values artistic movements as large cultural connectors of different social movements and begins funding key players in the growing Chicano and Black Arts Movements in Denver and across Colorado.

Beyond Performance
1987-1990
Grantee Changemakers: Montelibre Monthly, Nuclear Arsenal Project, Radical Information Project Bookstore, KGNU, KRZA, Social Issues Forum
In addition to creating a legacy of funding performance-based arts organizations working for social change, Chinook Fund intentionally supports publications and amplifiers of anti-oppressive rhetoric.

Resisting the Anti-Immigrant Climate
2000-2006
Grantee Changemakers: Barrio Warriors de Aztlan, Asistencia Para Latinos, Andy Zanca Youth Empowerment Program, Su Teatro
The Chicano arts movement builds momentum as a powerful force to demonstrate change, merging with the Immigrant Justice movement; coalition and community-building reaches a new height during the immigration reform marches.

1987-1990

1991-1993

2000-2006

Native Expression
1991-1993
Grantee Changemakers: Native Monthly Reader, Aztlan Visions, Four Winds Survival Project, Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, Adobe de Oro-Concilio de Artes
Native organizing and arts collaboration rises in funding precedence as Chinook Fund grants funds to multiple start-up organizations based in indigenous communities.
Focus on Youth
2008-2017
Grantee Changemakers: Café Cultura, Slam Nuba, Creative Strategies for Change, Andy Zanch Youth Empowerment Program, Represent! Represent!, Youth on Record, Flobots, Art-N-Motion Art Collective, Celebrate Possibility, Move Mountains Projects, Project VOYCE, Big Hair, Bigger Dreams
Chinook Fund’s Grantmaking Committee (GMC) notices a shift in applicants and grantees to create more youth centered arts and engagement programming that serves exclusively oppressed identities.

Asian American Theatre
2012
Grantee Changemakers: Theatre Esprit Asia, Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance
The Southwest’s first Asian American focused Theatre company is formed, Theatre Esprit Asia.

Emerging Media
2015-2017
Grantee Changemakers: Your Colfax News, Community Resources for Action, Volunteerism, and Education, The Institute for Media and Education Justice
As we become more immersed in new forms of media and methods of communication, community organizing opportunities are capitalized by innovative new organizations who are reaching more constituents and opening up possibilities to partner organizations to grow their reach and impact.

Arts & Disruption
2017
Changemakers: You
No medium has the capacity to engage the hearts and minds of the public like that of a well-told story. Chinook Fund provides a space for grantees to share their stories each year at our Grantee Celebration, Seeding Change. We all must continue to create avenues for traditionally silenced voices to share their truth.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

The New Jim Crow
1990
Prison population doubles over the span of 5 years because of the Mielke Bill (which doubled prison sentences for felony offenses) and the privatization of prisons in the 70s and 80s. Criminal Justice reform is in its early stages in Colorado.

Ban the Box
2012
Grantee Changemakers: Colorado People’s Alliance, Interfaith Alliance of Colorado, Second Chance Center
Signed by Gov. Hickenlooper, ‘Ban the Box’ is an initiative aimed at persuading employers to remove from their hiring applications the check box that asks if applicants have a criminal record.

Hiatus on Prison Building
1999
Grantee Changemakers: Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of Denver, Friends and Family of the Imprisoned
A bill calling for a three year hiatus on prison building in Colorado is proposed but fails in Congress.

Reform Efforts Increase
2003
Grantee Changemakers: Rocky Mountain Peace & Justice Center, Epimethian Press, The Color of Justice, Sensible Colorado
Parole reform bill passed, but over $100 million in tax payer money was funneled into construction of another state penitentiary. Chinook Fund grantees lobby and educate extensively around reform efforts. Plans to build private prisons in Lamar and Pueblo are defeated because of coalition building across the state.

Progress: Years 2007-2009
2007-2009
Grantee Changemakers: Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of Denver, Sensible Colorado
Reform in the system is achieved, including changes so youth at the age of 19 are sentenced through the Youthful Offender System in lieu of Adult prison. By 2009, five Colorado prisons have closed since 1989. Additionally, the End Racial Profiling Act is introduced to Congress.
HB1355 portion of CDOC’s Reentry
2014
Grantee Changemakers: Second Chance Center, Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of Denver
HB1355 is passed ensuring that a significant portion of CDOC’s reentry budget is allocated to community organizations (including Chinook Fund grantee, Second Chance Center). Communities Against Mass Incarceration is formed to push the Ban the Box campaign.

Racial Justice
2015-2016
Grantee Changemakers: Survivors Organizing for Liberation, Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of Denver, Project VOYCE
Police brutality, particularly involving communities of color, is at the forefront of the media. In Denver, the murders of Jesse Hernandez and Paul Castaway spark community-wide outrage and organizing at the intersection of mental illness, youth, queer, native, and latinx identities.

Decriminalizing Homelessness
2016-2017
Grantee Changemakers: Denver Homeless Out Loud, Interfaith Alliance
Homelessness advocacy group, Denver Homeless Out Loud, leads the fight to change the system that criminalizes the growing homeless-identified community in Denver. They introduce the ‘Right to Rest’ bill to the state legislature and build coalitions with faith-based and racial justice organizing groups to build power. The group gains Class Action Suit status for their fight against unlawful, targeted ‘Homeless Sweeps’ from the City of Denver.

A New Approach to Crime and Justice
2017
Changemakers: You
The Justice Reinvestment Crime Prevention Initiative bill moves funds spent on imprisoning offenders to productive community based initiatives, like the Second Chance Center, that are designed to tackle the underlying problems that give rise to criminal behavior. This new approach to criminal justice gives local rather than central government the power to decide how money will be best spent to produce safer, more productive local communities.
ENVIRONMENTAL & FOOD JUSTICE

Rural Environmentalism
1990-2000
Grantee Changemakers: Western Colorado Congress, People’s Alternative Energy Services, San Juan Citizens Alliance, Terra Infirma, Environmental Information Network, High Country Citizens’ Alliance, Southwest Earth First!
Organizers in the Western Slope of Colorado stand strong in the face of corporations threatening to destroy ecosystems and dump toxic waste into the air and water. Aspen clearcutting is limited to ensure public lands are protected and low-elevation canyon country is elevated to wilderness status ensuring that rural areas are protected.

Food Deserts
2009
Grantee Changemakers: Greenleaf, Eastside Growers Collective, The Growing Project
Food Justice coalesces in social justice landscapes in Denver as food deserts emerge due to gentrification, displacement, and generations of systemic racism.

Irresponsible Mining
1994
Grantee Changemakers: Alamosa Riverkeepers
Irresponsible mining practices at the Summitville mine contaminates the Alamosa River with cyanide and toxic metals. The extent of the pollution was so dire that the river was designated a Superfund site. The Alamosa Riverkeepers is formed shortly after to improve the water quality and the ecological functionality of the Alamosa River.

Land Rights
2002
Grantee Changemakers: Land Rights Council
After 21 years of fighting, the original settlers of the Sangre de Cristo Land Grant retained grazing, firewood gathering, and timber harvesting rights in a supreme court decision.
Rural Organizing in Antonito
2016
Grantee Changemakers: Conejos Clean Water
Conejos Clean Water organizes their rural constituency to educate and engage around significant issues: Illegal dumping, youth engagement, land grant advocacy, and fracking.

Ditch the Ditch Campaign
2016
Grantee Changemakers: Project VOYCE
Coalitions of community organizers, environmentalists, and youth advocates coalesce to fight proposed changes to I-70 that will drastically change Swansea, Elyria, and Globeville.

Alamosa River Thrives
2013
Grantee Changemakers: Alamosa Riverkeepers, COPEEN, San Juan Citizen’s Alliance, High Country Conservation Advocates, Grand Valley Citizens Alliance, Western Colorado Congress
Fish return to the Alamosa River after the entire ecosystem was decimated in the early 90s.

Environmental Racism
2017
Changemakers: You
The impact of systemic racism intersects with access to healthy & nourishing food, green space, and disturbingly enough – clean air and clean water. Many Chinook Fund grantees listed in other areas of this program are working within their communities around issues of food and environmental justice. We all must work together to protect our earth to ensure another 30 Plus years of positive change.
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

INCOME

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

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TOTAL ASSETS $560,383
## EXPENSES

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- **Changes in Net Assets**: $171,380
- **Net Assets: Beginning of Year**: $1,403,390
- **Net Assets: End of the Year**: $1,574,770
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