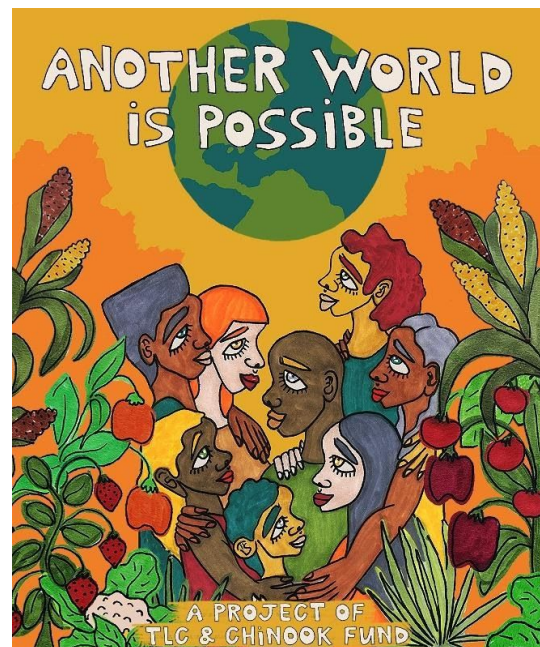


## **ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE**

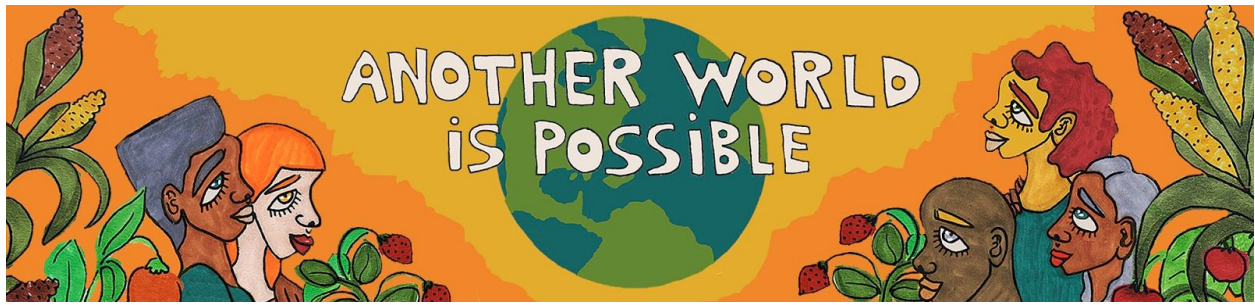
We are living through a moment that calls for deep solidarity, interdependence and radical generosity, a moment that requires us to claim our power to make the world we know is possible. This is why **Chinook Fund** and **Transformative Leadership for Change (TLC)** are partnering to launch the **Another World is Possible Fund**.

As the pandemic crisis continues, very different visions of our world are unfolding. In one scenario, authoritarianism has tightened its grip over many of the world's nations. We are left with a few corporations consolidating even more power and control as other sectors of the economy collapse. Nations, states and cities intensify competition and fight over resources. Borders tighten. Vulnerable communities - working-class, Black, Brown, undocumented, prisoners, detainees, Indigenous, migrants, transgender and nonbinary, those with chronic illness and disabilities, unhoused, caregivers - are decimated.

In another scenario, a deep and inclusive democracy emerges. The lessons from the crisis motivate us to shift to an economy that centers regeneration and interdependence instead of extraction and exploitation. Glimpses of unpolluted skies and waterways inspire global cooperation to end climate change. We honor the sacrifices of frontline workers and truly value the labor of caregiving for people and the planet. Prisons, detention centers, and borders open. Visionary leaders from the most impacted communities take over governing systems, bringing the necessary wisdom to reimagine and revitalize our democracy.



***Which vision of the world will you fight for and invest in?***



## **MOVEMENT MOMENT**

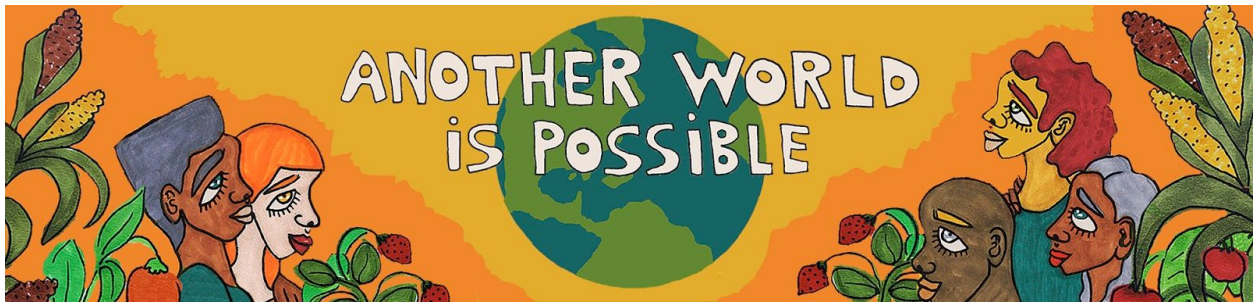
The pandemic is shining a light on systemic injustices and overlooked communities, bringing awareness to those who don't normally pay attention. Many of us are realizing our fates are linked in a way we never have before. Because of this, we have an unprecedented opportunity to transform society - but we won't see the change we need unless the leadership and solutions come from the most impacted communities.

The leaders and organizations we support are on the frontlines of the pandemic. They are fighting for a just and equitable response to COVID-19 to ensure that the most impacted communities are able to survive the virus and economic depression that is just beginning. We know that the systems and leadership that have always failed impacted communities are now failing the country at large. And because of this, impacted communities are also at the frontlines of the solutions.

Organizations in the TLC and Chinook Fund network have been working both inside and outside the system to make change - holding institutions accountable, while also building alternatives. Demands that were seen as impossible only weeks ago are now serious proposals or in effect. Releasing incarcerated and detained individuals. Universal basic income. Medicare for all. Guaranteed paid sick days and paid leave. Benefits for gig workers. Rent and mortgage freezes. We know it is grassroots groups that will be on the frontlines fighting to turn these short-term policies into permanent wins enabling communities to not only survive, but to thrive in the long run.

## **OUR LEADERSHIP**

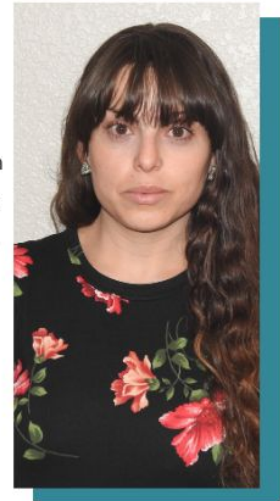
We know that our leadership will be needed more than ever - while being tested like never before. We will need to fight for both short and long term goals at the same time. We will need to hold space for grief, despair and trauma while also uplifting hope, courage and vision. We will need to navigate the scarcity created by economic inequality, while tapping into an abundance mentality to demand what we really need. And we will need to step up our practice of navigating conflict, resisting divide and conquer tactics and deepening solidarity with each other.



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“We will not get out of this crisis by only focusing on immediate relief and trying to go back to ‘normal.’ If we miss the current window to push our long-term agenda, we are in danger of taking significant steps backwards. For example, last year we won a landmark victory to increase the minimum wage in Denver to over \$15/hour. But at a time when workers need this increase the most, the business lobby is using COVID to pressure legislators to stop this from being implemented. We need resources to escalate organizing and make sure our communities come out of this healthy and thriving - not back to a ‘normal’ state of exploitation and oppression.”

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LIZETH CHACON, COLORADO PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE  
CHINOOKFUND LEGACY GRANTEE & TLC CO-FOUNDER



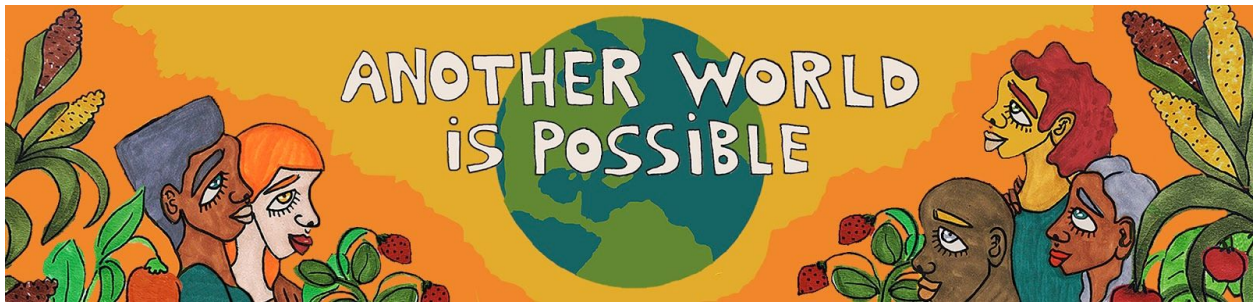
We have already weathered four years of attacks against our communities in a hostile federal environment, and have been gearing up for the most critical election in our lifetime. As the pandemic hits, it is critical that we ourselves are healthy, sustainable, cared for, resourced and supported.

### THE NEED

Most philanthropic and government relief efforts are going towards short-term direct aid. While this is critically important, we need to channel resources to the organizations working on the social, political, cultural and structural change that is necessary and uniquely possible during this moment. Grassroots organizations are already under-resourced for the visionary work they do. The economic consequences of COVID-19 are now threatening their very existence.

Another World is Possible Fund is a vehicle for a longer-term investment in the sustainability of Colorado's statewide ecosystem of social justice. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$250,000 to give out in immediate, general operating grants to organizations affiliated with Transformative Leadership for Change and Chinook Fund.

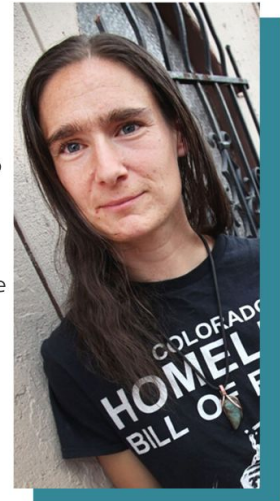




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“We have had to use courts and direct action to get things done that the government refused to do. We filed a writ of mandamus against the State of Colorado for failing to protect the people of Colorado, to mandate vacant housing be opened. We bought portable toilets and partnered with Mutual Aid Denver to put out hand washing stations at encampments downtown. With more funding, we could place more toilets and handwashing stations, folks could get more tents, and we could make our voices heard even louder!”

— TERESE HOWARD, DENVER HOMELESS OUT LOUD



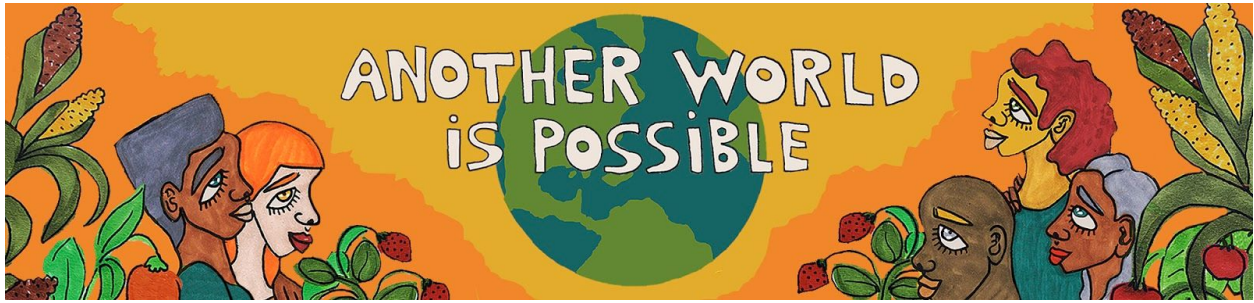
Recognizing this hour of urgent need, Chinook Fund seeded the fund with \$75,000 from its operating reserves. With an additional \$10,000 contributed by [AJL Foundation](#), we have \$85,000 of committed funding to start distributing.

In addition to grants, we hope to raise money to offer quality coaching and strategic planning to those receiving funds. Numerous leaders have requested help to stay open, “recession-proof” their organizations, adapt their work to new conditions - and more.

### WHY TLC & CHINOOK

Chinook Fund has a 33-year legacy of seeding grassroots movements across the state through community-led grantmaking. Transformative Leadership for Change is a new initiative that supports the healing, transformation, solidarity and radical visions of people of color leading social justice organizations. We are two complementary capacity-building organizations in the Colorado progressive ecosystem, partnering together in the spirit of abundance, interdependence and mutual aid to raise resources for those who are forging the path to the world we believe is possible.

Together, we have a shared network of about 75 organizations who will be eligible for these funds. This includes recent Chinook grantees and TLC-affiliated organizations such



as: 9to5 Colorado, Colorado People's Alliance, Front Line Farming, Hispanic Affairs Project, Padres y Jóvenes Unidos and Pine River Shares. We strongly believe that the resources invested into this pool of organizations will have the greatest return for a just COVID response in the short-term and a new vision for our world in the long-term.

## JOIN US

When we combine our resources from a spirit of radical generosity, abundance and interdependence, we live the values we are fighting for on a larger scale.

- **Give generously.** Whether you are an individual donor or institutional funder, giving to this fund will target resources to the organizations who need it most. It is an opportunity to align your giving with the vision and values of this fund.
- **Mobilize your peers.** Spread the word and encourage them to join you in giving.
- **Join us in dialogue.** We need to have transparent, honest and inspiring conversations around how individual and institutional philanthropy can respond to the COVID pandemic. We need your best thinking, creativity and expertise.

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