

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE



CHINOOK FUND



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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. The pandemic and increased visibility of injustices against the Black community are shining a light on systemic inequities and overlooked communities. Many 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.



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.

Lizeth Chacon, Colorado People's Alliance
Chinook Fund legacy grantee & TLC Co-Founder



Image: Colorado People's Alliance at an Immigrant Rights action to free those detained by ICE in private detention, where COVID-19 cases have increased significantly.

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FUND OVERVIEW

Another World is Possible Fund is a vehicle for a longer-term investment in the sustainability of Colorado's statewide ecosystem of social justice. The fund was launched through an innovative partnership between two-capacity building organizations in Colorado: Chinook Fund and Transformative Leadership for Change (TLC).

Together, we are raising money for groups on the frontlines of the pandemic. They are fighting for a just and equitable response to COVID to ensure that their communities are able to survive the pandemic and emerging economic depression. They are also fighting for longer term systems change. We provide funding for both COVID response efforts and organizational sustainability. We know that organizations working in the most marginalized communities are themselves vulnerable to closing.

Our goal is to raise \$1 million over the next year to give out in immediate, general operating grants. Chinook Fund seeded the fund with \$75,000 from its reserves. To date, we've secured \$502,564 in committed funds from foundations and donors. Since launching in May, we have awarded \$180,000 to 60 grassroots organizations with a second round of funding set for November 2020.

GRANTEE HIGHLIGHTS

In the face of COVID, our grantees have quickly pivoted to provide relief for food, rent assistance, and mutual aid funds. Black Lives Matter 5280 provided PPE to Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) experiencing heightened risk for COVID due to summer 2020 uprisings. Young Aspiring Americans for Social and Political Activism (YAASPA) is adding trauma-informed mental health services to their youth organizing program. Of our grantees, **33% are Black-led organizations and 86% are BIPOC-led.**

Herbal Gardens Wellness, a rural, Indigenous-led group, sent seeds to 100 Native American families to help with food sovereignty. Fuerza Latina, based in northern Colorado, is supporting and organizing undocumented immigrant workers in meat packing plants, restaurants, those working as home health aides, domestic workers, and other essential workers. These groups are among our grantees that are based in rural communities.



Image: YAASPA students at a yoga class during Summer 2020

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FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

9to5 Colorado
 Adolescents Know Your Rights (AKYR)
 AFSC
 Al Frente de Lucha
 Another Life Foundation
 Atlantis ADAPT
 Authentic Creations Publishing Apothecary
 Black Business Initiative, PBC
 BLM5280
 Breaking Our Chains
 Center for Community Wealth Building
 Check Your Head
 Colorado Circles for Change (formerly VORP)
 Colorado Council for Urban Youth Development
 Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)
 Colorado Jobs with Justice
 Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)
 Colorado People's Alliance
 Compañeros
 Compound of Compassion
 Conejos Clean Water
 Creative Strategies for Change
 Cultivando
 Denver Homeless Out Loud
 Denver Justice Project
 El Centro AMISTAD
 El Centro Humanitario
 Fortaleza Familiar
 Foundation for Black Entrepreneurship
 Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center



Image: Herbal Gardens Wellness

FrontLine Farming
 Fuerza Latina
 GRASP
 Herbal Gardens Wellness
 Hispanic Affairs Project
 Lamar Unidos
 Mi Familia Vota
 Move Mountains Project
 Neighborhood Navigators of Eagle County
 Padres & Jovenes Unidos
 Pine River Shares
 Project VOYCE
 Resilient Communities Resilient Futures, Inc.
 RISE Colorado
 Sacred Voices
 Satya Yoga Cooperative
 SCD Enrichment
 Second Chance Center, Inc.
 Shorter AME Church
 Slam Nuba
 Soul 2 Soul Sisters
 Spirit of the Sun
 The Center for African American Health
 The Word, A Storytelling Sanctuary
 Transformative Freedom Fund
 Una Mano, Una Esperanza
 United for a New Economy
 Voces Unidas for Justice
 Woodbine Education Center
 YAASPA



Image: BLM5280

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THE NEED

With escalating police and white supremacist violence, racial wealth divide, public health crisis, and economic depression, **it is the communities we fund who are most at risk for harm or death - and also closest to the solutions that will lead us out of multiplying crises.** Traditional philanthropy underfunds Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) led groups. Despite an increase in overall foundation giving, Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity found that funding to BIPOC organizations never exceeded 8.5 percent over a ten year period. When support is given, it is often restricted for direct services rather than systemic change efforts.

Most philanthropic and government relief efforts are going towards short-term direct aid. While this is critical, we need to channel resources to groups working on the structural change that is necessary and uniquely possible during this moment. With support from local and national foundations and individuals, we've awarded \$180,000 to 60 organizations. However, the need for funding far exceeds the funds available.

Funders: AJL Foundation, Amicarella Fund, The Colorado Health Foundation, The Colorado Trust Anti-Black Systemic Racism Fund, The Colorado Trust Staff-Directed Contributions Program, Congdon Family Fund, Denver Foundation, Emergent Fund, Gates Family Foundation, Gwirtsman-Reichman Family Fund, Hatfield Family Foundation, LP Brown Family Foundation, United Philanthropy Momentum Fund, Voqal

WHY CHINOOK FUND & TLC?

Unlike traditional foundations, Chinook Fund has centered the leadership of BIPOC, LGBTQ, immigrants and other communities facing injustice from its inception. Since 1987, Chinook has distributed \$3.6 million to 382 grassroots organizations working for social change in Colorado - providing the first seed funding to many local movements.

Transformative Leadership for Change is a new initiative that supports the sustainability, healing, solidarity, and radical visions of BIPOC people leading social justice organizations. It was built by and for BIPOC leaders. TLC runs a yearly leadership fellowship, hosts ongoing alumni programming, and convenes local movement leaders for strategic collaborative efforts. Together, we have a shared network of 75 organizations who are eligible for these funds. Both TLC and Chinook are trusted partners in the community, highly connected, and responsive to community needs.



Image: Transformative Leadership for Change Fellows

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ISSUE AREAS WE FUND

ORGANIZING

- Safe workplaces; sick leave, wage increases, hazard pay for essential workers
- Health & safety of people in jails, prisons, detention centers
- Eviction, rent & mortgage moratoriums
- Education and advocacy
- Relief for undocumented communities
- Addressing viral racism & xenophobia
- Organizing against state violence - including police killings, mass incarceration, school-to-prison pipeline
- Food justice & food security for communities of color
- Adapting civic engagement & census organizing strategies to pandemic conditions
- Land rights for Indigenous communities
- Environmental justice: clean water, anti-fracking campaigns
- Reproductive justice & birthing justice
- Bridging labor & community organizing campaigns



Image: FrontLine Farming

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Support for organizational resiliency, strategic planning, fundraising, recession-proof budgeting
- Preserving health care coverage, establishing/improving sick leave policies
- Improvements in digital infrastructure & literacy
- Physical & emotional wellness for staff
- Emergency funds to maintain organizational operations due to revenue loss

CONSTITUENCIES

- Black, Indigenous and people of color communities
- Immigrant, refugee and undocumented communities
- Homeless & housing insecure communities
- Low-wage and frontline workers
- Women of color
- Queer and trans communities
- People with disabilities
- Youth
- People impacted by incarceration, detention and juvenile justice systems
- BIPOC/ undocumented small business owners and farmers

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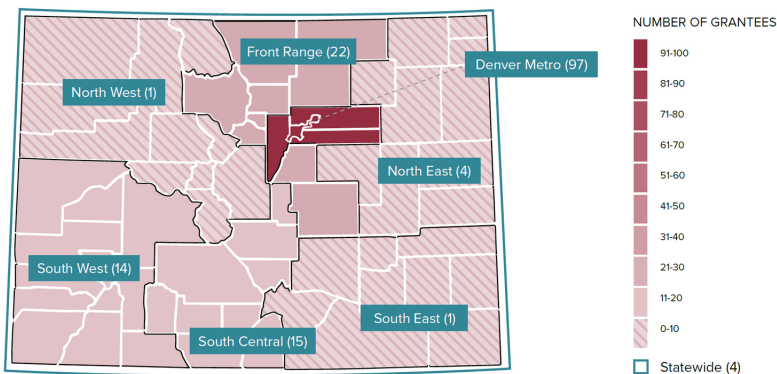
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GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

While the majority of organizations within our shared network are concentrated in the Denver Metro Area (Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties), we also have many organizations in across the state including: La Plata, Boulder, Costilla, Montrose, Conejos, Weld, El Paso, Larimer and Mesa counties. Following is a heat map showing where Chinook Fund's grantmaking is concentrated across the state of Colorado (does not include most TLC-affiliated organizations).

TOTAL GRANTEES BY REGION 2013 - 2019



**include but are not limited to*

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GRANTEE BUDGETS

Budget Range & Average: The groups we've funded have budgets ranging from \$2,000 to \$1.7M, with an average budget of \$300,000. Half of Another World is Possible grantees have budgets under \$150,000.

The average budget size of Chinook Fund grantees overall is \$113,000.

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FUNDING PRIORITIES

Our priority is to fund groups that meet the following criteria:

- Groups led by and for Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) and low income communities
- Groups based outside of the Front Range
- Groups with annual budgets under \$350,000

Groups must also demonstrate strategies that are:

Constituent-Led: The work is led by the people most impacted by injustice. Unlike a traditional charity model, we believe that those most affected by the issue have the vision and solutions for their own liberation – and that the development of their leadership, skills, and power should be prioritized.

Community-Wide: The work reflects all members of the constituency, especially those who experience multiple forms of oppression. This ensures that change for the community leaves no one behind, especially for those who have less privilege within the community.

Lasting Effect: The work makes change not just for one individual today, but for the community as a whole, and for future generations. Generally this means organizing collective action to change systems and institutions.



Image: Atlantis ADAPT

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