



CONSTELLATIONS OF CHANGE

BUILDING COURAGEOUS COMMUNITY



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A constellation, in astronomy, is an area on the celestial sphere in which a group of visible stars forms an imagined outline or pattern. A constellation is in the eye of the beholder.

Since our founding in 1987 by a group of young inheritors of wealth, Chinook Fund has aimed to see philanthropy differently; **seeing new and wonderful patterns** for our social justice movements out of what to others may just look like a smattering of stars.

Over the past 30 years, donors like you have led and shaped our work with 60-80% of Chinook Fund's budget funded by donors. As we enter this next phase of growth, we want to ensure we continue to be **firmly rooted in relationships and trust.**

Constellations of Change will be a place for us to further shift from traditional philanthropy and co-create a broader community — re-envisioning our star power yet again.

You have always been integral to our collective story and continue to be integral to our success.

Under my leadership and an enthusiastic Board, Chinook Fund has set a bold goal to raise \$200,000 in new annual multiyear pledges, starting with our closest circle of donors and Giving Project alumni members.

Constellations of Change will **foster a growing community of donor activists** that will engage in political education and community building to support their journeys of wealth redistribution and strategic giving to support Colorado's social justice movement ecosystem.

We aim to imagine something beyond the typical donor/funder exchange and hope you join us in dreaming among the stars!



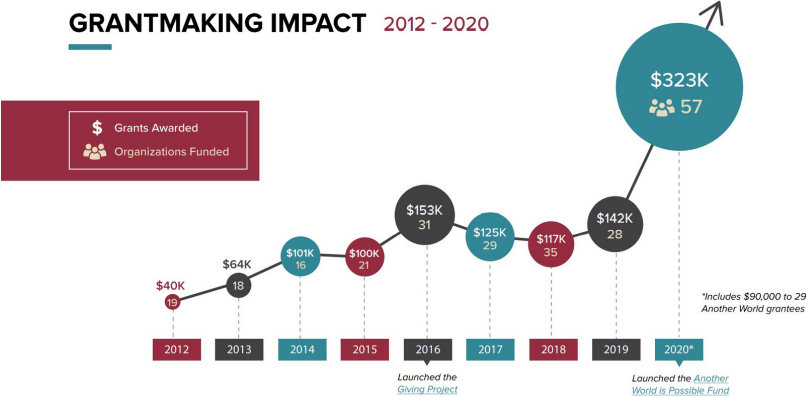
With gratitude,

Crystal Middlestadt

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Executive Director

Chinook Fund has experienced incredible growth over the past five years as a member of the National Giving Project Network. Since 2016, Giving Projects across the country have collectively moved **\$12 million** to social justice work.

GRANTMAKING IMPACT 2012 - 2020



We **strongly encourage** our donors to become Giving Project members and deepen their political education and orientation to transformational philanthropy. Visit chinookfund.org/givingproject to view the schedule, apply, and learn more.



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THE OPPORTUNITY

This year, Chinook Fund signed [An Open Letter to Philanthropy from People of Color-led, Movement-Accountable Public Foundations.](#)

Through Constellations of Change, we want to ensure you, our valued donor, can feel deeply grounded and even invigorated by this transformational work of resourcing social justice movements.

*"The uprisings of 2020 sparked historic levels of philanthropic giving to address racial injustice....**the cornerstone of racial equity is sharing resources and decision-making power in a way that fundamentally supports the self-determination of people of color.** Racial healing and justice in the United States will take all of us working together – white people and people of color. **We all have a place in this work.** But how we do the work matters. **We will not get to a different destination by working in the same way.**"*

- Excerpt from [Open Letter to Philanthropy.](#)

Take action today:

- Connect with a member of our team for a one-on-one conversation.
 - Learn more about our long-term goals and commitments.
 - Discuss your giving and wealth redistribution plan in a safe, judgment-free space.
- Commit to a multi-year pledge over the next 3-5 years with Chinook Fund.
 - What amount would make you feel truly invested in this work?
 - What amount would make you feel proud to know you invested in social justice organizing?
- Get involved with our Constellations of Change Community!
 - Volunteer to host an online event, lead a discussion, share the opportunity with like-minded community members.



Creative Strategies for Change

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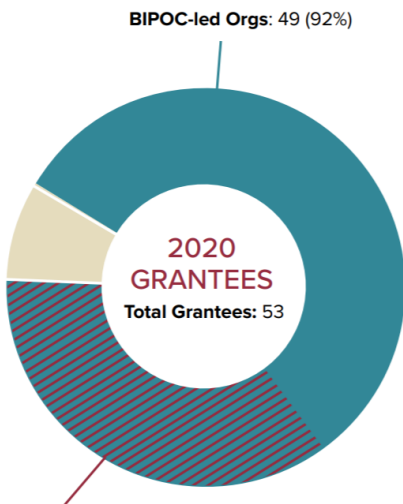
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Chinook Fund believes communities are best equipped to solve the challenges they face. By trusting grassroots leadership and providing funding to groups led by and for communities impacted by injustice, we support Colorado's movements for social justice.

Core Funding Criteria

- ✓ **Constituent-Led:** The work is led by the people most impacted by injustice.
- ✓ **Community-Wide:** The work reflects all members of the constituency, especially those who experience multiple forms of oppression.
- ✓ **Lasting Effect:** The work makes change not just for one individual today, but for the community as a whole, and for future generations.



Black-led Orgs: 19 (39% of BIPOC led orgs are Black-led. 36% of all grantees are Black-led)



Hispanic Affairs Project (HAP)



Front Line Farming

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