

# Spring 2026

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## *Chinook Fund*

### *General Inquiries*

#### **Mission Statement\***

There is a 2,000 character limit.

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#### **Year Organization Was Founded\***

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#### **Please indicate your organizational status.\***

##### **Choices**

501c3

Have a fiscal sponsor

Please email us if you are unsure if you are eligible for this grant.

#### **Where did you first hear about Chinook Fund?\***

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#### **Grant Request Name\***

If applying for general operating funds, please include in this box: (Your Organization's Name):  
Spring 2026

If applying for project support funds, please include in this box:(Your Organization's Name, Your Project Name ): Spring 2026

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#### **Is your organization based in and primarily working in the Front Range?\***

For grant purposes, the Front Range includes Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, and Fort Collins metro areas.

##### **Choices**

Yes

No

## Fiscal Sponsor Information

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### What is the name of your fiscal sponsor?\*

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### Please upload a copy of your fiscal sponsorship agreement.\*

This document should be signed by your organization and your fiscal sponsor and detail responsibility of program and financial oversight, reporting, any fees, and other items agreed upon in your financial relationship with your fiscal sponsor.

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## Funding Questions

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### Please select the grant category.\*

**Start-Up Grants** are typically available to groups that are less than 4 years old. Groups must demonstrate a vision and plan for meeting Chinook Fund criteria. The maximum grant award is **\$4,000**.

**Established Grants** are available to any group, but the competition for grants is tougher, as it includes organizations that have been working successfully on social justice issues for a number of years. The maximum grant award is **\$10,000**.

You may self-select which category best fits for your organization.

#### Choices

Start-up Grant

Established Grant

### Please indicate the amount you are requesting.\*

A Start-Up Grant award is **\$4,000**.

A Established Grant award is **\$10,000**.

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### Please indicate where the funds would be spent.\*

We typically recommend selecting General Operating.

But if you have a project that better meets our criteria that you would like to highlight (as opposed to your entire organization) then Project Support might be a better option.

#### Choices

Project Support

General Operating

**If your organization has ever applied for funding under a different name, please state that name:**

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## ***Narrative Questions***

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For each section, you have a maximum of 2000 characters. While you do not need to use the full limit, please provide a response that adequately addresses the question parts.

### **History\***

When did your group come together and why? Share major accomplishments and tell us about your recent activities, successes, and learning opportunities.

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### **Root Causes\***

What is the specific problem or injustice your group is trying to solve? What are the root causes of the problem (racism, poverty, sexism, etc.)?

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### **Action & Lasting Effect\***

What is your overall strategy for solving the injustice described above? What social, economic, political, or cultural institutions or systems will you work to change in order to fight the injustice? What actions will come out of your work? What will be different in your community and our society because of your work?

**IF** you do direct services to meet the needs of your community, how do you connect that work to organizing, action & systems change?

**IF** you are creating an alternative to a current system/policy/institution, please tell us why and describe how that will make real change for your community.

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### **Constituent-Led\***

Who is most impacted by the injustice you are fighting? How are those most affected actively providing leadership and direction for your work? How do you identify & develop new leaders?

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### **Community-Wide\***

How does your organization define diversity within your constituency? How do you ensure that everyone is represented in your organization – especially those with less privilege in your community? In addition to filling out the diversity chart, describe any activities, education, or actions your organization has taken in this area. Also explain any progress or set-backs in this area.

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### **Organizational Structure and Decision Making\***

Who decides what kind of work your group does? What is the decision-making process? How are you organized (staff, board, volunteers, leaders)? How are your decision-makers accountable to the larger community? If you have a fiscal agent, please explain the relationship.

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### **Movement Building\***

How does your group see itself as part of a larger movement for social change? How does your work connect with other social change issues and communities? Describe the most important coalitions, collaborations or networks that you participate in. Include your organization's role.

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### **Community Support\***

How does your community support your organization? How do you plan to sustain your future work? Community support doesn't have to be monetary but if you have any committed or pending grants, please list them, if applicable. You may use this place to describe your current fundraising activities.

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### **Community Feedback\***

How do you integrate community feedback into your work?

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### **Site Visit\***

If you were to receive a site visit, please indicate what days/times your staff, members, and leaders would be most available to meet with our Giving Project cohort. Also please indicate any language or accessibility needs that your organization might need to best communicate your work to our site visitors.

***All site visits happen virtually over zoom or other video conference call***

If selected for a site visit, this will occur around the month of May (for Spring 2026)

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## ***Year Milestones***

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List 3-5 milestones your organization aims to achieve with this grant over the coming year. Please include detailed plans on how you intend to reach each milestone. For example: "By July 2025, we intend to [specific milestone], and we plan to achieve this by [action 1 and action 2, etc].

## **Milestone 1\***

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### **Additional Milestone\***

#### **Choices**

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## *Milestone 2*

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### **Additional Milestone\***

#### **Choices**

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## *Milestone 3*

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## **Milestone 4**

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### **Additional Milestone**

#### **Choices**

Add additional milestone

## *Milestone 5*

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## Financials

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### Please indicate which type of financial documentation you will provide\*

#### Choices

Chinook Fund's Financial Form (Recommended)

Your organization's financial forms

### Please specify where Chinook monies will be spent.\*

Please list briefly what you plan to spend Chinook Fund's grant funds on i.e. Salaries, Printing Supplies, Rent.

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## Chinook Fund's Financial Form

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### Are you a brand new organization with this being your first fiscal year existing?\*

#### Choices

Yes

No

## Chinook Fund's Financial Form

Use this table to report your prior fiscal year's ACTUAL financial info & your current year's BUDGET.

If you are on a calendar fiscal year, your prior fiscal year will be Jan 1 – Dec 31, **2025** and current fiscal year will be Jan 1 – Dec 31, **2026**. Even if your 2025 financials are not finalized, please provide the most current/draft figures.

If you are a brand-new organization and have not yet completed a fiscal year, under Prior Fiscal Year you can enter any start date and enter "0" for Total Income and Total Expenses.

If you are not a brand-new organization, you must fill in all parts of our financial form below with accurate dates and amounts.

ALL applicants must fill in Current Fiscal Year Budget in the column on the right. Please note that these should be your BUDGETED Income and Expenses for the full year.

Year	Prior Fiscal Year	Current Fiscal Year Budget
Start Date		
Total Income		

Total Expenses		
NET INCOME (Total Income minus total expenses)		

**Enter the date of your prior fiscal year-end.\***

For example, if you are on a calendar fiscal year, enter 12/31/25.

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**Total bank balance as of the end of your prior fiscal year\***

Enter your total bank cash balance (checking & savings) as of the end of your prior fiscal year (the date you entered above)

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**Enter the date of the most recent month-end\***

For example, if completing this form in January, it would be 12/31/25 and so forth.

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**Enter your total bank balance as of the most current month-end\***

Enter your total bank balance (checking & savings) as of the most current month-end (the date you entered above)

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## *Organizational Financial Forms*

**Fiscal Year Start\***

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**Current Annual Budget\***

Please list here the total amount of expenses for your current fiscal year's budget.

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**Please upload your prior year's Income Statement\***

OR Statement of Operations. Include full prior fiscal year information.

Statements of Operation contains

1. Revenue

2. Expenses
3. Change in Net Assets

Please DO NOT include bank statements or transaction logs.

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**Please upload your prior year-end Balance Sheet\***

OR Statement of Financial Position.

Nonprofit balance sheets include an organization's assets, liabilities, and net assets. You get your organization's net assets when you subtract your nonprofit's liabilities, or what you owe, from your assets.

Please DO NOT include bank statements or transaction logs.

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**Please upload your current year's (2026) approved budget.\***

Organizational budget must include income and expenses.

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## *Project Support Budget*

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**Please list the budget amount for the project.\***

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## *Leadership Information*

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Please provide us with the total number of people you have in the following leadership positions (people who are in key decision-making roles). "Other Leadership" can include any volunteer leaders with decision-making power who are not on the Board of Directors or staff, including member leaders, advisory committee members, etc. **Please be sure that the number of people listed here matches the list of leaders you include in your diversity chart below.**

### **Staff\***

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**Board\****Character Limit: 10***Other Leadership***Character Limit: 10***Leadership Bios\***

Please upload a listing of your leadership bios including: name, individual's role with organization (staff, board, or other leadership), and a brief biography for the individual.

*File Size Limit: 5 MB***Diversity Chart**

Please count each person in leadership only one time for each section. This is to ensure that the number of individuals remains consistent in each section and as outlined in the leadership information section above. We recognize the limitations of this format, so please feel free to use/create additional "Self-Identify" categories as needed.

Additionally, when filling out this chart, **PLEASE ASK** people to indicate how they would prefer to be identified in each of the following categories. Whenever possible, avoid guessing or assuming how people would identify themselves.

Please use the category "Other Identity" to describe any other identities that are important to your constituency such as (but not limited to):

- Experience with homelessness: homeless / formerly homeless / never homeless
- Experience with incarceration: currently incarcerated / formerly incarcerated / never incarcerated
- Immigration status: immigrant / U.S. born

**Diversity Chart Upload\***

Please attach a filled out an updated version of Chinook Fund's diversity chart.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB***References**

Please fill out the following form to list the names, affiliations, and phone numbers of three (3) local references not connected with Chinook Fund (these should be representatives of other

community groups familiar with your organization's work – but who are NOT a part of your group)

**Reference 1 Name, Affiliation, & Relationship to Applicant Organization\****Character Limit: 200***Reference 1 Phone Number\****Character Limit: 20***Reference 1 Email\****Character Limit: 200***Reference 2 Name, Affiliation, & Relationship to Applicant Organization\****Character Limit: 200***Reference 2 Phone Number\****Character Limit: 20***Reference 2 Email\****Character Limit: 200***Reference 3 Name, Affiliation, & Relationship to Applicant Organization\****Character Limit: 200***Reference 3 Phone Number\****Character Limit: 20***Reference 3 Email\****Character Limit: 200*