



Chinook Fund Public Statement on ICE Raids and Immigrant Justice

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Chinook Fund condemns the escalation of violent ICE raids and detention abuses across the country and here in Colorado. From the ongoing public health emergencies and increased brutality inside ICE detention centers in Colorado, including denial of medical care at GEO Aurora, to the killings of Renee Nicole Good, Keith Porter, and Silverio Villegas Gonzalez, to the prolonged detention of local community member, Jeanette Vizguerra-Ramirez, and the countless others harmed by ICE violence, these are not isolated incidents. This brutality is systemic, not accidental, and reflects the inevitable outcomes of a racist and authoritarian enforcement regime built on punishment, dehumanization, and racialized violence.

Chinook Fund stands firmly and unapologetically for immigrant rights and for the fundamental truth that families from all backgrounds deserve to stay together, safe, and whole. We reject ICE, fascism, and the Trump administration's culture of impunity, including its violations of the Constitution and its expansion of detention infrastructure, from existing facilities to proposed sites like the ICE facility in Hudson, Colorado.

We stand in deep solidarity with our grantees and movement partners working every day for immigrant justice, often at great personal risk. ICE is functioning as a tool of terror, criminalizing migration, dissent, and survival while normalizing state violence against Brown, Black, and Indigenous communities. What we are witnessing is part of a broader attack on democracy itself, where fear is used to silence resistance, dissent is criminalized, and authoritarian practices are advanced under the guise of law and order.

Chinook Fund calls on our full community to stand together in support of immigrant communities, immigrant rights, and immigrant-led organizing. Together, we must turn toward one another with honesty and courage, name the harm being done, and invest boldly in grassroots movements that defend dignity, justice, and collective liberation. This is a moment that asks all of us to show up not just with resources, but with voice, alignment, and visible solidarity.

ICE raids and detentions are rooted in the same colonial and imperial logic that has long driven United States policy at home and abroad. The destabilization of communities through incarceration and surveillance mirrors U.S. imperial strategies used globally,



from the Middle East to Venezuela, where sanctions, economic warfare, and repression are deployed against people who resist domination. Forced migration is not accidental. It is produced by extractive economies, climate destruction, and U.S. backed interventions. To support immigrant justice is to confront racism, colonialism, and empire at their source.

This moment demands moral clarity and shared responsibility. When we choose silence or retreat into comfort, harmful narratives go unchallenged, family separation is normalized, and state violence expands. **When we act together, we can interrupt harm, shift public narrative, and strengthen the movements protecting our communities.**

By trusting the leadership of immigrant communities and organizers, resourcing their work, and standing alongside them publicly, we can build the collective power needed to keep families together and move toward a future rooted in care, dignity, and liberation for all.

Below are two of our grantee partners working to defend immigrant rights and communities. Please consider supporting and following their work.

- [Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition](#)
- [Shut Down GEO Aurora](#)

In solidarity,

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