ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

A COLLABORATIVE, MOVEMENT-ALIGNED FUND



FIVE YEARS OF RESPONSIVE FUNDING

A TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP FOR CHANGE + CHINOOK FUND COLLABORATION



WHY THIS COLLABORATION

In 2020, our country was facing multiple, interconnected crises—from the COVID-19 pandemic to political repression and the deepening realities of racial injustice. These crises were placing extraordinary pressure on communities and organizations already working on the frontlines of social change, while also exposing long-standing inequities in philanthropic funding.

Recognizing the urgent need to move resources differently, two complementary capacity-building organizations in Colorado's progressive ecosystem—Transformative Leadership for Change (TLC) and Chinook Fund—came together to launch the **Another World Is Possible (AWIP) Fund** in May 2020. The collaboration was rooted in a shared commitment to ensuring that BIPOC-led organizations, which have historically been underfunded by mainstream philanthropy, could access flexible resources to sustain and strengthen their work.

From its inception, AWIP demonstrated what is possible when organizations pool relationships, resources, and collective power. Between 2020 and 2023, the fund distributed more than **$660,000 in grants to 139 organizations**, while our combined fundraising efforts leveraged more than **$1 million from 15 funders and more than 200 individual donors**.

The momentum continued in 2025, when AWIP distributed **42 grants totaling $210,000**, directing critical resources to BIPOC-led organizations and communities in response to intensifying political repression impacting frontline communities.

Together, TLC and Chinook Fund have shown that philanthropy can be more responsive, relational, and rooted in trust—and that when we move resources collectively, we can help build the conditions for another world to be possible.

I never expected, or even thought, that an experience receiving funding could feel so nourishing! *The Another World is Possible process and committee enlightened my view of how philanthropy and a local nonprofit working together could exceed my expectations of mutual-aid grantmaking.*

— Beverly Grant, Founder, Mo' Betta Green

HOW THE FUND EVOLVED

01

2020
$360K
60 GRANTS

02

2021
$252K
63 GRANTS

03

2022
$310K
62 GRANTS

04

2025
$210K
42 GRANTS

01 COVID RESPONSE

AWIP emerged in response to the immediate crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic.

02 RESILIENCE GRANTS

As the crisis deepened, AWIP expanded beyond immediate response to help organizations sustain themselves and their people.

03 RIGHT RELATIONSHIP

AWIP recognized that movement resilience depends on the ability to transform conflict, repair, and build stronger relationships within and across organizations.

04 POLITICAL REPRESSION

As political and funding landscapes shifted and communities faced increasing repression and attacks, AWIP again adapted.

SOLIDARITY IN ACTION

AWIP's impact was made possible through the collective generosity and support of **more than 200 individual donors**, whose contributions ranged from **$5 to $20,000**

With **$100** as the most common gift amount and **78%** of individual gifts totaling **$250** or less, this support demonstrates the power of everyday people coming together to resource grassroots movements. At critical moments, donors answered the call to action, mobilizing urgently needed resources in solidarity with BIPOC-led organizations **on the frontlines of social change**.

WHAT THIS SUPPORT MAKES POSSIBLE

Food + Housing Justice | Mutual Aid Infrastructure | LGBTQIA+ Justice
Indigenous Healing Justice | Conflict Transformation | Immigration Justice
Know Your Rights | Community Safety + Protection | Racial Justice + Black Leadership
Youth Leadership | Coalition Building + Resilience









WHAT WE LEARNED

FIVE YEARS OF PRACTICE

Flexible resources work best when they move at the speed of relationship and trust.

01 NIMBLE BY DESIGN

AWIP responds to urgent movement needs and immediate crises, while also helping groups weather medium- and long-term challenges through resilience and right relationship.

02 SPEED + TIME MATTER

A streamlined application and grant-making process allows TLC and Chinook Fund to move quickly in ways larger institutional funders often cannot.

03 TRUST IS INFRASTRUCTURE

TLC and Chinook Fund's long-standing and trust-based relationships allowed us to easily prioritize the most impacted grassroots, community-led groups and BIPOC leaders.

04 FLEXIBILITY PROTECTS CAPACITY

No additional reporting means organizations can direct their capacity toward their work and mission as conditions change.

Thanks to the Another World is Possible grant, *Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition created space for our base to remember WHO they come from and gather tools to defend their communities against deportation, exploitation, and systemic injustice.*

— Gladis Casas Ibarra, Co-Executive Director, CIRC



FROM LEARNING TO PRACTICE

LOOKING AHEAD

As TLC and Chinook Fund enter a year of reflection and evaluation, we are deepening our learning from AWIP's first five years and considering how the fund can evolve alongside communities and movements. We remain committed to mobilizing responsive, flexible resources while assessing long-term impact and future possibilities.

AWIP remains a place for **funders and donors to invest alongside us** —and to help strengthen movement-aligned funding practices that sustain frontline infrastructure beyond moments of crisis.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR FUNDING PARTNERS

- AJL Foundation
- Amicarella Fund
- Bamboo Fund
- Brett Family Foundation
- Brian & Kathy Frantz Fund
- Colorado Gives Foundation (prev. Community First Foundation)
- The Colorado Health Foundation
- Congdon Family Fund
- Denver Foundation
- Emergent Fund
- Gates Family Foundation
- Goldman Family Impact Fund
- Gregory Ichneumon Brown and Mekayla Ichneumon Beaver
- Gwirtsman-Reichman Family Fund
- Kataly Fund
- L.P. Brown Foundation
- Momentum Fund
- Northern Trust Charitable Program
- POG Hill Giving Fund
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- The Colorado Trust
- The Hatfield Family Foundation
- The Marvin Naiman and Margery Goldman Family Foundation
- Voqal
- Walder Family Giving Fund
- 200+ Individual Donors