Aurora Immigrant & Refugee Commission  
Monday, November 4, 2019 5:30pm  
Aurora Municipal Center, Aspen Conference Room  
15151 E. Alameda Parkway  
Aurora, CO 80012

Commissioners Present:  Chukwu Fumnanya Camara; Marcus Doe; Sabe Kemer; Julie Ressalam; Kevin Vargas; Jackie Zvejnieks; Christian Jimenez (phone in)
Commissioners Absent:  
Other present:  
Staff Present:  

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Chair Ressalam.

2. Ms. Juliette Lee with Chinook Fund provided a brief introduction of Chinook fund and the Giving Project (see attached PPT). Commissioner Camara suggested to connect Ms. Lee with Natural Helpers.

3. Census Committee & Training  
Ms. Natriece Bryant, Deputy Executive Director of Department of Local Affairs shared updates on Census Complete Count Committee and provided a training session.

4. AIRC members and OIIA staff discussed about the upcoming Holiday Party scheduled on Monday December 2.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 7.40pm by Chair Ressalam

Julie Ressalam,  
Chair

Kevin Vargas,  
Vice-Chair
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Change, not charity:
The Giving Project
Agenda

- How to Apply or Stay Connected
- Alumni Q&A
- What is the Giving Project?
- What is Chinook Fund?
- Change, Not Charity!
- Introductions
What is a social issue you are passionate about?

Chinook Funds Giving Projects

What motivated you to learn about Introductions
We need to do better.

Yet our most common philanthropy for the year 2017,
Giving by:

- Corporations
- Foundations
- Individuals
- Bequests
- Giving by

total giving, with the growth in giving for a second
consecutive year of 5.2 percent on track to
be $42.02 billion over last year.

Where did the generosity come from?

$42.02 Billion

From all four sources of giving, the $42.0 billion mark in 2017, spurred by growth
for the first time ever, charitable giving exceeded

We collectively give

persecution and even homelessness, and social problems—
grow.

Each year billions
Responses generated from activists & donors who attended popular education workshops run by Chinho Fund

“giver”

Dependency of “receiver” on benefit the wealthy

Giving to institutions that symptoms
direct services, addresses tax deductions & shelters
goes

most impacted determine

relationship based transformational

disrupts power dynamics

change

CHINOOK FUND
Start-up Establisheds * Multi-Year Grants
Community Organizing * $350,000
Constituent Led * Community Wide * Lasting Effect
What is a Giving Project?

a bit about our change, not charity

What reflections do you have after learning

Pair Share
What is a Giving Project?

Phase 1: Community building & social justice analyses
Phase 2: Skill building
Phase 3: Action (outreach, fundraising, grantmaking)
9 sessions

January – June

6 months total:

≈ 50 hours outside of meetings
≈ 50 hours in meetings

THE GIVING PROJECT PATHWAY
Giving Project Goals

- Critical, underfunded social change work
- Create a sustainable new model of funding
- Develop our skills as donor organizers
- Educate ourselves about the current challenges
- Build community
- Move significant money to social justice organizing in Colorado
Giving Project Commitments

- Offer feedback on our program
- Report your findings
- Make at least 2 site visits
- Review all grantee materials
- Fundraise
- Make a personal donation
- Attend all the sessions
- Willingness to grow and learn
Ready to sign up?

If you have questions, contact our Program Director, Juliette Lee at sjlee@chinookfund.org or 303-455-6905 x2

THE GIVING PROJECT

Find out how to contribute to making impactful change for the good of our community at one of our Information sessions:

Tuesday, September 24th
Monday, October 28th
&
Tuesday, December 3rd

at the
Posner Center Classroom
1031 33rd Street
Denver

All sessions start at 5:30pm and end at 7:00pm.

change
not
charity

Join together with a diverse group of people from all income levels and backgrounds who share your passion to make a positive impact locally. Work together to raise and grant money to organizations that advocate for social justice and change in the community.

To learn more and to see how to take part in a giving program, go to:
www.chinookfund.org
or call us at:
(303) 455-6905
THE GIVING PROJECT

Spring 2020 Schedule

All workshops are conducted at the Posner Center
at 1631 33rd Street in Denver, Colorado 80203

1. Saturday, January 11
   10am - 5pm
   Laying The Groundwork

2. Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26
   10am - 5pm (both days)
   Understanding Race & Class

3. Tuesday, February 4
   5:30pm - 9pm
   Grassroots Fundraising 101

4. Saturday, March 7
   10am - 5pm
   Social Justice Giving

5. Saturday, April 11
   9am - 5pm
   Screening Applications

6. Tuesday, April 21
   5:30pm - 8pm
   Meet the Changemakers

7. Saturday, June 6
   9am - 5pm
   Final Decisions

8. Tuesday, June 16
   6pm - 9pm
   Evaluate & Celebrate

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