

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 Excused: Alula Arega; Marlon Erazo; Linda Skelley; Abukar Muhumed
Commissioners Absent: None
Other present: Alejandra Ospina; Natriece Bryant; Juliette Lee
Staff Present: Minsoo Song

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



**Change, not charity:
The Giving Project**

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Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Change, Not Charity!**
- **What is Chinook Fund?**
- **What is the Giving Project?**
- **Alumni Q&A**
- **How to Apply or Stay Connected**

Introductions

**What motivated you to learn about
Chinook Fund's Giving Project?**

**What is a social issue you are
passionate about?**

For the first time ever, charitable giving exceeded the \$400 billion mark in 2017, spurred by growth from all four sources of giving.

\$410.02 billion

Where did the generosity come from?



Visit www.GivingUSA.org to learn more and to order your copy of *Giving USA 2018: The Annual Report on Philanthropy for the Year 2017*.

* All figures on this infographic are reported in current dollars unless otherwise noted.

We collectively give BILLIONS each year to charity.

Yet our most common social problems—homelessness, and poverty—persist and even grow.

We need to do better.



Charity

- Maintains power & prestige of wealthy
- Transactional
- Donor decides where money goes
- Tax Deductions & Shelters
- Direct Services, addresses symptoms
- Giving to institutions that benefit the wealthy
- Dependency of "receiver" on "giver"

Change

- Disrupts power dynamics
- Transformational, relationship based
- Most impacted determine solutions & where \$ goes
- Focused on root causes
- Builds collective power, holds institutions accountable
- Changes attitudes, laws, institutions, behavior, policies to be more just & equal

Responses generated from activists & donors who attended popular education workshops run by Chinook Fund

Range notion fluency

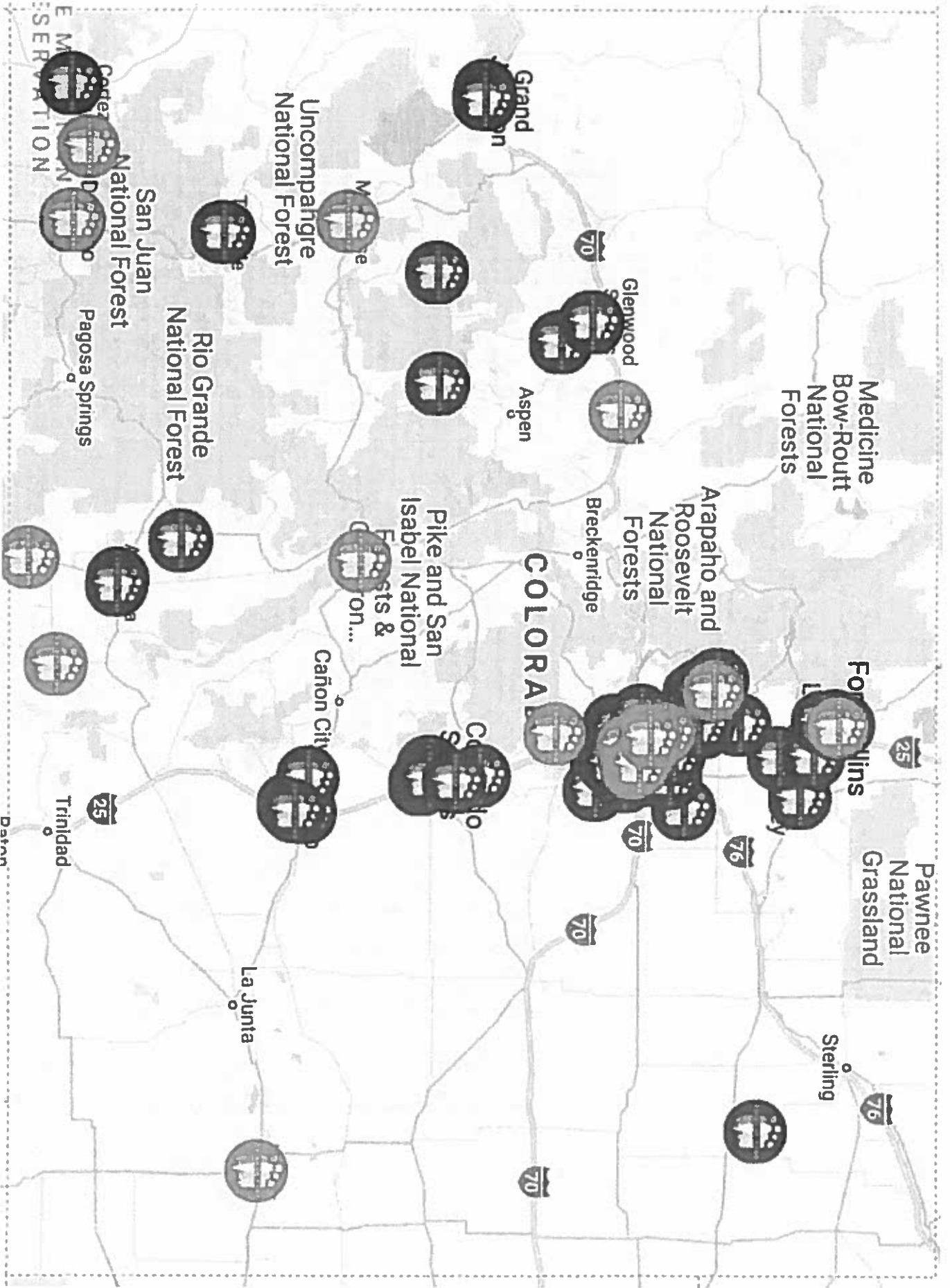


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Constituent Led * Community Wide * Lasting Effect



**CO Based * Community Organizing * \$350,000
Start-Up * Established * Multi-Year Grants**



Pair Share

What reflections do you have after learning a bit about our change, not charity framework?

What is a Giving Project?



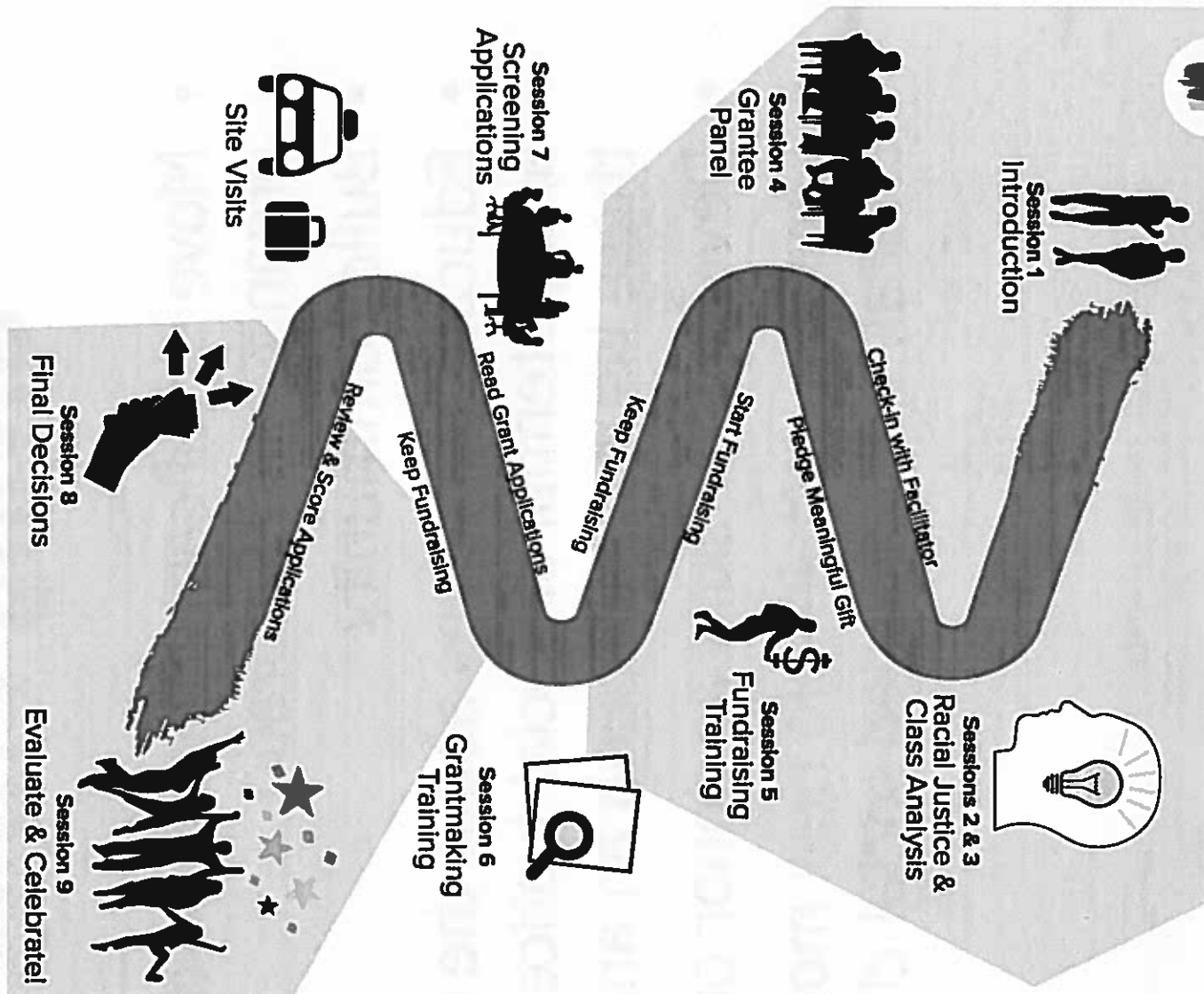
Phase 1: Community building & social justice analysis

Phase 2: Skill building

Phase 3: Action (outreach, fundraising, grantmaking)



THE GIVING PROJECT PATHWAY



6 months total:

January – June

9 sessions

~50 hours in meetings

~50 hours outside of meetings

Giving Project Goals

- Move significant money to social justice organizing in Colorado
- Build community
- Educate ourselves about the current challenges and potential of social justice organizing around these issues – through an anti-racist lens
- Develop our skills as donor organizers
- Create a sustainable new model of funding critical, underfunded social change work

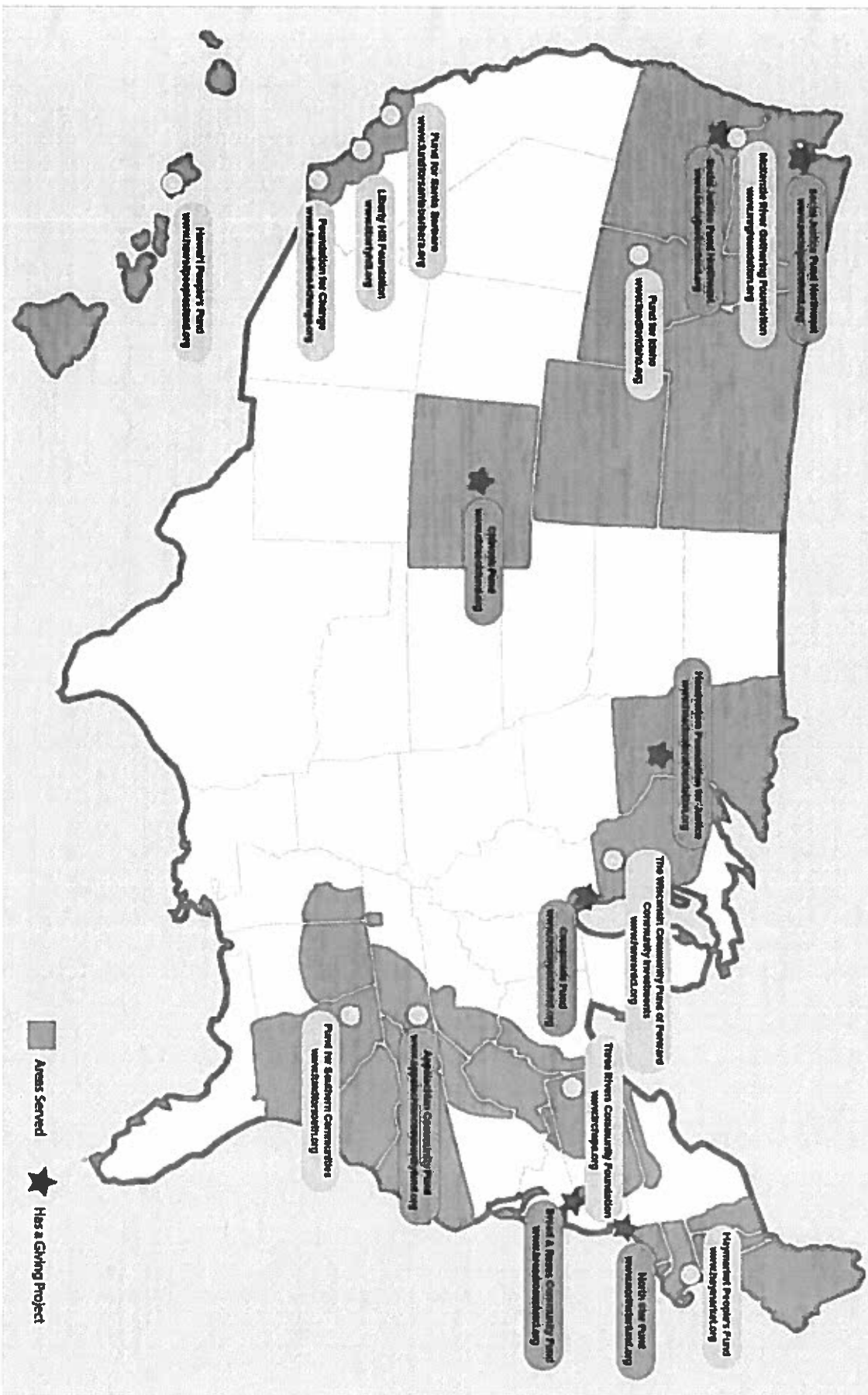
Giving Project Commitments

- **Willingness to grow and learn**
- **Attend all the sessions**
- **Make a personal donation**
- **Fundraise**
 - 15% of the total raised supports Chinook Fund to run the program
- **Review all grantee materials**
- **Make at least 2 site visits**
- **Report your findings**
- **Offer Feedback on our program**



CHINOOK FUND'S

Sister Funds



Ready to sign up?

If you have questions, contact our Program Director

Juliette Lee at silee@chinookfund.org or 303-455-6905 x2



Bring Your Passion. Give Your Voice.

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.

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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 1031 33rd Street in Denver, Colorado 80203

Saturday, January 11
10am - 5pm

1 Laying The Groundwork

Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26
10am - 5pm (both days)

2 Understanding Race & Class

Tuesday, February 4
5:30pm - 9pm

3 Grassroots Fundraising 101

Saturday, March 7
10am - 5pm

4 Social Justice Giving

Saturday, April 11
9am - 5pm

5 Screening Applications

Tuesday, April 21
5:30pm - 8pm

6 Meet the Changemakers

Saturday, June 6
9am - 5pm

7 Final Decisions

Tuesday, June 16
6pm - 9pm

8 Evaluate & Celebrate

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