



# Building Colorado Black Communities BRIC by BRIC

## 2020-2024 BRIC IMPACT BRIEF

The Black Resilience in Colorado (BRIC) fund founded on June 19, 2020 (Juneteenth), is the first Black-focused community fund established in Colorado, providing financial resources and support to Black-led and Black-serving organizations. Its mission is to be a perpetual resource that supports the growth and sustainability of Black communities, champions Blacks to invest in themselves and their communities, be a leading voice for change, and own their power of resilience. The focus on growth, sustainability, and empowerment aligns with the broader goals to achieve racial equity and justice. BRIC aims to break down barriers, amplify Black voices, and foster self-investment within Black communities through its programs and initiatives. This approach recognizes the importance of community-led solutions and empowers those directly impacted by systemic injustices.

### BRIC Community Impact

**250 Alums**

The EDCI annual cohort grew by 30% since its inception.

"Most helpful was having the camaraderie of peers going through similar experiences and situations. It made me feel less alone and gave me a community I could turn to." **EDCI Alum**



#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF COLOR INSTITUTE (EDCI)

A citywide two-year leadership development and organizational capacity-building program for BIPOC nonprofit leaders.



#### BRIC GRANTS

The BRIC Fund Grant offers grants to support the efforts of Black-led and serving nonprofits in Metro Denver.

**\$5M**

Distributed to over 400 Black-led and Black-serving nonprofits through BRIC Fund Grants



**\$200K**

Distributed in 2023 to two community non-profits (Cleo Parker Robinson Dance and CHIC Denver), leading transformational efforts and creating a long-term legacy.



#### LIBERATION INVESTMENT GRANT

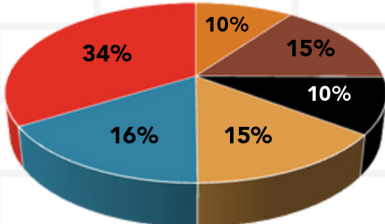
A grant awarded to nonprofits organizations whose work is leading efforts and projects that fuel systemic change to have a generational impact on Black Coloradans.

Launched the BRIC Liberation Investment Grant in 2023.

"Your commitment to addressing systemic racism and its impact on Black communities resonates deeply with our values and objectives. The resources provided through the BRIC Fund will significantly enhance our programs and initiatives, allowing us to make a more profound and lasting impact. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to fostering resilience and strength within Black communities." **BRIC Grantee**

#### 2020-2024 BRIC Grants by Focus Areas

- Youth
- Racial Justice
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Health
- Emerging Needs



# BRIC Community Impact Con't



## BRIC LOAN FUND

A program in partnership with Urban Land Conservancy, the BRIC Loan Program offers low-interest loans for pre-development and capital expenditures.



## COMMUNITIES LEAD, COMMUNITIES THRIVE (CLCT)

A coalition of small Colorado nonprofits that serve Black, Indigenous, Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islanders, LGBTQ+, and rural communities to ensure work and communities are not left behind.

"We have invested our hearts, minds, and various resources to support the people and causes that matter most for the betterment of our community."  
- BRIC FUND



# \$200K

Provided in **capital improvement loans** through the BRIC Loan Program.



Co-founded a national network of **50+ Black-focused funds, foundations, and multi-year initiatives** – collectively creating the change WE wish to see.

# \$33.1M

In capacity building grants were made to **487 Colorado historically marginalized-led and serving nonprofits.**

## Our Leadership



**FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
LaDawn Sullivan



### BRIC FUND BOARD

Pictured Left to right:  
Alex Middleton, Herman White, April Denmon, Yvonne Moore, Board Chair, Raymael Blackwell, Javon Brame, Board Vice Chair

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