



## Building Colorado Black Communities BRIC by BRIC

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The Black Resilience in Colorado (BRIC) fund 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 FUND PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

### BRIC FUND GRANT

(Responsive)

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

### BRIC FUND LIBERATION INVESTMENT GRANT

(Targeted)

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.

### BRIC LOAN FUND

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

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF COLOR

(EDCI)

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

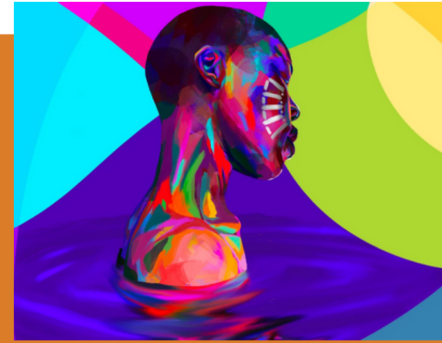
### COMMUNITIES LEAD, COMMUNITIES THRIVE

(Steering Committee founding Member)

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.

# BRIC FUND ACHIEVEMENTS

- » Invested over \$4 million in grants to empower the work of over 300 Colorado Black-led and Black-serving nonprofits.
- » Provided \$200k in capital improvement loans through the BRIC Loans Program in partnership with the Urban Land Conservancy.
- » Provided leadership and organization development training to 200 plus BIPOC leaders to strengthen leadership and increase organizational capacity.
- » Collaborated to pass Colorado Legislative HB-1356 to secure \$33M in capacity grants for Colorado's historically marginalized frontline nonprofits as part of the Communities Lead, Communities Thrive (CLCT) coalition.
- » Co-founded a national network of Black-focused funds, foundations, and multi-year initiatives – collectively creating the change WE wish to see.
- » Launched the BRIC Legacy Fund in 2023 to help establish the BRIC Fund as a perpetual resource for Black communities now and in the future.
- » Launched the BRIC Liberation Investment Grant in 2023. This grant will be awarded to select nonprofit organizations whose work is leading transformational efforts and projects to create systemic changes for Black people and can have a multi-generational impact that will leave a legacy for Colorado's Black communities.



# BRIC FUND LEADERSHIP

## FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LaDawn Sullivan

## FISCAL SPONSOR

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## BRIC FUND BOARD

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# GET INVOLVED

We are building Colorado's Black communities one BRIC at a time. Become a BRIC Builder and join our three-year fundraising campaign to raise \$10 million by 2025. Doing so will make you part of the collective movement, making community investments and owning community outcomes. Your contribution will bring BRIC's vision into reality by expanding access, building opportunities for growth and progress, and becoming a perpetual resource for Black communities now and into the future. All contributions to the BRIC Legacy Fund through 2024 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$250,000.



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