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Voqal Announces \$148,000 in Funding to Colorado Organizations

February 10, 2022 — Voqal is excited to announce grants to seven organizations working in Colorado to build the progressive, community-driven power needed to advance a more socially equitable world. The grants to <u>Voces Unidas del las Montanas</u> (\$18,595), <u>Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition Action Fund</u> (\$22,500), <u>Colorado</u> <u>People's Action</u> (\$22,500), <u>COLOR Action Fund</u> (\$21,320), <u>Mi Familia Vota</u>, (\$22,500), <u>Colorado Working Families Organization</u> (\$20,610), and <u>Soul 2 Soul Sisters</u> (\$20,000) reflect Voqal's commitment to supporting the grassroots organizations that are working to move forward a more socially and racially equitable vision for Colorado.

Voces Unidas del las Montanas

Voces Unidas del las Montanas is the first Latino-created, Latino-led advocacy nonprofit in the central mountain region of Colorado. It elevates the voices of Latinas and Latinos, creates opportunities where Latinas and Latinos can advocate for themselves, and increases Latina and Latino representation and participation in decision-making tables.

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition Action Fund (CIRC)

CIRC is building a strong and thriving Colorado where all residents are treated with dignity and respect and have equal access to a fair and just quality of life and the opportunity to live united with family members. It advocates for fair, humane, and workable public policies and works to increase the civic participation of new Americans.

Colorado People's Action (CPA)

CPA is a member-led, racial justice organization dedicated to building governing power in Colorado. To ensure that those most impacted by the issues not only have a seat at the table but also lead the decision-making processes, it engages people of color and voters in its work not only during the election but also year-round as it works to develop new leaders in its communities.

COLOR Action Fund

COLOR AF puts tools in the hands of people to ensure everyone can be active in working with public officials to influence policy change. It helps Latinx individuals, and their families, lead safe, healthy, and self-determined lives by holding elected officials accountable to the Latinx community's issues and electing people who support its mission.

Mi Familia Vota

Mi Familia Vota builds Latino political power by expanding the electorate, strengthening local infrastructures, and engaging voters year-round. Its social and economic justice work includes citizen workshops, voter registration drives, and ongoing voter participation.

Colorado Working Families Organization

Colorado Working Families empowers people, organizations, and communities to have a voice in the political decisions that affect their lives. It is building a durable multiracial feminist movement that strengthens democracy and advances social and economic justice. Through grassroots community organizing, policy campaigns, and electoral engagement, it is developing leaders who will fight for tangible improvements in people's daily lives.

Soul 2 Soul Sisters

Soul 2 Soul Sisters unapologetically intersects Black faith/spiritualities, radical reproductive justice, increasing the power of Black voters, and reparations. It aims to create a world where all racial/ethnic groups work together to dismantle personal and systemic racism toward developing healthy, just, and liberative communities.

These organizations exemplify the people-centered movements that are creating lasting social change in our communities. We are proud to support their work and look forward to continued progress towards a more unified and equitable vision for Colorado.

Voqal is a philanthropic organization committed to the promotion of social equity. Voqal makes grants to nonprofits fighting systemic inequity, provides capital to entrepreneurs working to advance social justice, advocates for progressive public policy changes, invests in organizations working to address the educational opportunity gap, and operates a business that expands internet access and digital equity.