

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)



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FY10 Year End Community Grant Report



Background

Introduction

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) mission is to ensure that the full range of health, education, employment, social services and business information, programs and services are accessible to the District's API community. One of the many ways that OAPIA accomplishes this mission is by funding API community-based organization (CBO) to provide direct social service programs such as in-language *after school mentoring programs, job placement, housing counseling assistance and other areas* at a grass root level.

OAPIA is in its 4th year of providing funding to Asian Pacific Islander community-based organizations through the **API Community Grant** which began in FY07, when a number of Asian Pacific Islander-led CBOs and the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development requested that the Mayor support earmarking funds as part of the Mayor's proposed.

In FY10, OAPIA awarded \$276,000 to 10 community based organizations who serve the District's API residents. The awarded funds enabled enhancing of startup and existing programs that were focused on improving Asian and Pacific Islanders' lives in the areas of health, education, arts and culture, housing and employment. Information about the recipients and the amount awarded are listed in page 3 of this report.

Grant Process

OAPIA used the District's current grant guidelines from the Office of Contracts and Procurement, as well as, Federal guidelines as a basis for the review process and developing the Request for Proposal (RFP).

A. Informing the Public of Funding Availability

OAPIA notified the public of its community grant through OAPIA's website, emails to its listservs, and the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The notification targeted CBOs providing services to underserved API residents, particularly linguistically isolated, in four areas of need: health, education, employment, and legal services.

OAPIA held a Pre-Application Conference on July 2, 2009 at 441 4th Street NW, 11th Floor Conference Room. Eight people attended the conference. We guided participants through the grant application and the review process. A question and answer (Q&A) session followed the presentation. In addition, OAPIA provided assistance to interested applicants if they had additional questions via meetings, emails or phone calls.

B. Application Review Process

OAPIA recruited ten grant reviewers using different resources (e.g., Office of Grants and Partnership’s newsletter, emails to community leaders, and its network of professionals). The review panel was composed of “neutral, qualified individuals selected for their experiences in job training, education, training health care, social services, human services, and the fields of evaluation planning and implementation” as stated in the RFP. Reviewers were chosen because of their experience/knowledge in different areas that included, but were not limited to education, public health, youth services, nonprofits, and evaluations. Three weeks prior to the grant review meetings, reviewers were mailed a slate of applications to review, score, and comment. Each application received at least two independent reviews.

Final scores for each application were developed based on the average of all the reviewers’ scores. OAPIA staff also reviewed all applications to provide context. The review panel submitted the recommendation for funding to OAPIA. After reviewing the recommendations and any other information considered relevant, OAPIA allocated appropriate funding amounts and notified successful applicants.

Recipients

Below are profiles of the community based organizations that received grants from OAPIA:

- **Asian American Leadership Empowerment and Development (AALEAD)**
Funding Priority Area: Youth Services (\$30,000)

Asian American LEAD’s overarching goal is to increase the opportunities and ability of low-income Asian American children to move out of poverty and become successful, self-sufficient adults. It firmly believes that education is the key to meeting their goal and seeks to promote the well-being of Asian American youth and families through education, leadership development, and community-building. AALEAD focuses on the Vietnamese, Amerasian, and Chinese immigrant and refugee communities in the Mt. Pleasant, Columbia Heights, and Shaw neighborhoods of Washington, DC.

- **Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)**
Funding Priority Area: Health Services (\$38,000)

Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP) is a local non-profit organization in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area that is committed to ending domestic violence in the Asian/Pacific Islander communities.

Through direct assistance, community engagement and training of service providers, DVRP strives to address and prevent domestic violence in a manner that supports survivors of domestic violence and promotes cultural competency to meet the diverse needs of our communities.

- **Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC)**

Funding Priority Area: Employment (\$15,000)

The Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC) is a non-profit organization seeks to promote and preserve Chinatown and its cultural identity while celebrating the rich Chinese culture, history, language, and heritage deeply embedded in this community. CCCC enriches the lives of its members and visitors alike through a variety of programs focused on Chinese cultural exploration while simultaneously focusing on educating and empowering Asian immigrants living in Chinatown and the Greater Washington, D.C. area.

- **Chinatown Service Center (CSC)**

Funding Priority Area: Social Services (\$31,000)

The Chinatown Service Center (CSC) is a non-profit, community-based organization providing social services to low-income and underserved members of the Asian American community in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. Located in the heart of D.C.'s Chinatown, CSC was founded in 1977 by the Chinese Community Church. CSC serves as a hub for the needs of low-income Asian American individuals, families, seniors and youth, many of whom have limited English language skills.

- **Emmaus – Asian Services Center (ASC)**

Funding Priority Area: Health Services (\$28,000)

Emmaus – Asian Services Center (ASC) serves the Asian and Pacific Islander seniors residing in Ward 2 of the District of Columbia. Its mission is to build trust with seniors, providing support, access, advocacy and services that help them remain active, respected, independent and vital members of their community.

- **Moving Forward**

Funding Priority Area: (\$16,000)

A non-profit organization, operating under the name DTSB & Co., works to foster bridging cultures and reducing ethnic barriers by illuminating the experiences of immigrants and underserved cultural communities through excellent performing arts and educational programming.

- **Housing Counseling Services**

Funding Priority Area: Housing Services (\$12,000)

HCS is a non-profit organization founded in 1972 to provide comprehensive housing counseling, training, advocacy, technical assistance and housing opportunities for low and moderate-income homebuyers, homeowners, and tenants; to help them achieve successful living in healthy, safe and affordable homes. HCS's goal is to prevent homelessness and increase sustainable housing opportunities by providing the skills, self-esteem and empowerment necessary within families and communities.

- **Newcomers Community Service Center (NCSC)**

Funding Priority Area: Employment Services (\$35,000)

A non-profit, community-based organization, NCSC helps refugees and immigrants from all countries achieve self-sufficiency and participate in their new society by:

- Helping refugees and immigrants obtain financial stability through employment;
- Helping newcomers maintain or adjust their legal immigration status;
- Communicating newcomers' needs for education, health, employment and other services to public and private agencies;
- Promoting respect and support for cultural preservation.

- **Vietnamese American Community Service Center (VACSC)**

Funding Priority Area: Youth and Parental Services (\$43,000)

VACSC was created to assist the Vietnamese Americans in the District of Columbia towards assimilating and integrating into American society without sacrificing their cultural heritage and identity, and to promote friendship and understanding between the Vietnamese and the American communities at large. Its mission is:

- To provide cultural, educational, recreational, and other programs to promote the cultural heritage and enhance the quality of life of Vietnamese-Americans in the District of Columbia;
- To promote intercultural exchange between the Vietnamese and the American community at large;
- To advocate for equal treatment and opportunities for all District immigrants and refugees;
- To collaborate and work with organizations with similar purposes.

- **Hepatitis B Initiative – Washington DC (HBI-DC)**

Funding Priority Area: Health and Human Services (\$28,000)

HBI-DC is a non-profit organization founded in 2002 with a mission to mobilize communities to prevent hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and its consequences among at-risk groups, particularly Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in Washington DC metropolitan area.

HBI-DC serves the community by:

- Providing community education regarding HBV risks and prevention;
- Providing HBV screening tests;
- Providing HBV immunization;
- Providing HBV treatment referrals;
- Building partnerships and leading coalitions committed to HBV treatment referrals;
- Building partnerships and leading coalitions committed to HBV prevention in targeted communities;
- Gathering relevant HBV epidemiologic data.

Monitoring

Grant Oversight and Capacity Building Technical Assistance Provider Grant

To ensure that services are reaching our API residents through the funded programs, OAPIA implemented an oversight process that includes written documentations (e.g., financial/program reports) and on-site consultations (e.g., site visits, meetings). Grantees send OAPIA written report to document their programs' progress on a quarterly basis; whereas, on-site consultations are done at the middle of the grant year.

Highlights of Grant Outcomes

Out of the ten grantees that were awarded funding, eight grantees fully met their grant measurements. Two grantees had challenges meeting their measurements which led to one or two measurements being partially met.

1. Newcomers Community Service Center (NCSC) had 19 clients vice 20 clients for job placements due to the current economic conditions.
2. Housing Counseling Services had a total of 7 in-language client session due to low demand for housing counseling, despite outreach and education workshops.
3. Asian American LEAD had 14 mentor trainings for new mentors, instead of their original target of 18. There were mentors who received new mentees but did not need the trainings anymore.

Organization	Funding Priority Area/Amount	Objectives	Measurements	Outcomes
Asian American LEAD	Youth Services \$30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the well-being of low-income Asian American children and families through education, leadership development, and community building. To develop mentoring relationships that addresses key risk factors and increases the likelihood that each child becomes successful, self-sufficient adult. 	Recruit 18 new mentors	22 recruited
			Conduct 18 training session	14 sessions held
			4 home visits to inform parents about the program and encourage enrollment	5 home visits
			Have 18 active mentor-mentee matches	22 matches
			Organize 3 special events	4 organized events
Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project	Health Services \$38,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise awareness about domestic violence and the services available to assist survivors in Asian and Pacific Islander communities. To ensure healthcare providers are screening for domestic violence and informed about resources for Asian and Pacific Islander survivors. 	10 API survivors of DV will utilize DVRP's survivors' advocacy and support service	11 API survivors served
			Facilitate 1 multilingual survivors' group comprised of 8 survivors	8 survivors participated
			Train 10 API community members each to provide support to API survivors of DV through DVRP's bi-annual advocates training program	27 community members trained
			Place 4 advertisements in ethnic media outlets to increase awareness about services	1 advertisement placed
			Distribute 1000 pieces of educational and informational materials for survivors of DV and community members	900 distributed
Chinatown Services Center	Social Services \$31,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide cultural, educational, recreational, and other programs to promote the cultural heritage and enhance the quality of life of Vietnamese-Americans in the District of Columbia. To promote intercultural exchange between the Vietnamese and the American community at large. To advocate for equal treatment and opportunities for all District immigrants and refugees. To collaborate and work with organizations with similar purposes. 	Provide case management and referral to social services for at least 150 Asian and Pacific Islander Clients	3274 referrals and cases managed
			Distribute up to 400 translated public service brochures to API community members within Ward 2 about government and community social services	400 public service brochures distributed
			Conduct up to 8 workshops on health, housing, and other community related issues for 100 API clients	10 workshops completed
			Conduct 61 instruction classes on conversational, reading, and writing English (ESL) and providing citizenship classes	75 completed

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Chinatown Community Cultural Center	Employment \$15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide social services to low-income and underserved members of the Asian American community in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. To serve as a hub for the needs of low-income Asian American individuals, families, seniors and youth, many of whom have limited English language skills. 	Provide a total of 30 computer training classes	30 computer classes completed
			Provide service to 60 District API residents	60 served
Emmaus-Asian Services Center	Health Services \$28,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To build trust with seniors, providing support, access, advocacy and services that help them remain active, respected, independent and vital members of their community. To reduce the number of Asian and Pacific Islander participants experiencing hardships in communicating and understanding at medical appointments. 	Provide 45 wellness education to seniors	180 wellness education classes
			Provide 4 health screening to benefit seniors' health	72 screenings
			104 literacy classes for seniors	140 classes provided
			Provide Asian meal lunches to 65 seniors (three days per week)	261 meals served
			85% customer satisfaction in Interpreter	100%
Moving Forward	\$16,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To foster bridging cultures and reducing ethnic barriers by illuminating the experiences of immigrants and underserved cultural communities through excellent performing arts and educational programming. 	12 students enrolled with the program	12 enrolled
			98% clients satisfied of service, based on survey	100%
			7 students who will complete the program	7 students
Hepatitis B Initiative- Washington DC	Health and Human Services \$28,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide community education regarding Hepatitis B (HBV) risks and prevention; HBV screening tests; HBV immunization; HBV treatment referrals. To build partnerships and leading coalitions committed to HBV treatment referrals. To build partnerships and leading coalitions committed to HBV prevention in targeted communities. To gather relevant HBV epidemiologic data. 	120 participants to be screen for Hepatitis B	222 participants screened
			72 participants to be vaccinated for Hepatitis B prevention	87 individuals vaccinated
			54 participants to be vaccinated for Hepatitis B prevention to complete the three series of vaccinations.	73 individuals vaccinated to complete the three series of vaccination

Organization	Funding Priority Area/Amount	Objectives	Measurements	Outcomes
Housing Counseling Services	Housing \$12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide comprehensive housing counseling, training, advocacy, technical assistance and housing opportunities for low and moderate-income homebuyers, homeowners, and tenants; to help them achieve successful living in healthy, safe and affordable homes. To prevent homelessness and increase sustainable housing opportunities by providing the skills, self-esteem and empowerment necessary within families and communities. 	35 client sessions	7 in language sessions
			5 HCS brochures translated to Chinese and Vietnamese	14 documents translated and printed
Newcomers Community Service Center	Employment Services \$35,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement a dynamic and comprehensive employment/job preparedness, computer training program to help clients improve their workforce development skills so that clients can obtain steady jobs in order to support themselves and their families. To help refugees and immigrants obtain financial stability through employment. To help newcomers maintain or adjust their legal immigration status. To communicate newcomers' needs for education, health, employment and other services to public and private agencies. To promote respect and support for cultural preservation. 	Outreach to 40 new DC API clients	41 new API clients
			Intake of 40 new DC API clients	40 new API clients managed
			Completing job placements for 15 new DC API clients	15 clients completed job placement
Vietnamese American Community Service Center	Youth and Parental Services \$43,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide social services to low-income and underserved members of the Asian American community in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. To serve as a hub for the needs of low-income Asian American individuals, families, seniors and youth, many of whom have limited English language skills. To help all Vietnamese residents of the District of Columbia integrate fully into the community; and in particular to empower parents to help their children succeed in school 	400 hours of individual counseling sessions and/or social services and health referrals for 20 parents	1041 hours completed
			500 hours of academic tutoring	1139 hours of tutoring completed
			96 hours of interpretation and translation at three parent teacher conference/meetings	164 hours of interpretation provided
			3 bilingual workshops to be led by community specialists	13 bilingual workshops provided
			2 community cultural events	5 events organized

Financials

The chart provides a breakdown of the \$276,000 used for OAPIA's community grant and technical assistance mini-grants.

Financial Breakdown	
Organization	Community Grant Funding
Asian American Leadership Empowerment and Development (AALEAD)	\$30,000
Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)	\$38,000
Chinatown Service Center (CSC)	\$31,000
Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC)	\$15,000
Emmaus – Asian Senior Center	\$28,000
Hepatitis B Initiative - DC	\$28,000
Housing Counseling Services	\$12,000
Moving Forward	\$16,000
Newcomers Community Service Center (NCSC)	\$35,000
Vietnamese American Community Service Center (VACSC)	\$43,000
Subtotal:	\$276,000

