

MAYOR'S OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS (MOAPIA)

AAPI Action Forum 2 Implementation Plan – Year One Report

Area of focus	Action items	FY19 Updates
Health	Advocate for resources and explore partnership opportunities with the DC Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to identify practical ways to increase mental health awareness and resources to meet the mental health needs within this community.	In FY19, MOAPIA had meetings with 3 leadership teams from DBH to discuss the AAPI community's mental health needs and a plan for collaboration to bring in extra resources to address the needs. MOAPIA advocated for more services tailored to address the cultural and linguistic barriers facing the community and offer to act as an extended outreach arm for DBH.
	Increase education on District's mental health services with a focus on intergenerational, ethnic-specific, outreach: Request data about mental health issues as it relates to AAPI residents from DBH, especially as it relates to access and develop and implement strategies to work with community groups on these issues.	DBH at the moment does not have the resources for an MOU with MOAPIA, but the meeting opened up a channel of communication among the agencies' leadership that is much needed for future collaboration. In the meantime, MOAPIA will support DBH's work through sharing its expertise of the AAPI community and continue to share feedback from the community. In the third quarter of FY19, MOAPIA partnered with the Sukhi Project to provide mental health resources for the AAPI community. Sukhi is dedicated to reducing the stigma of seeking connection by increasing access to support services within our communities through technology. MOAPIA invited them to provide information on their services at its events in May and June, reaching over 2300 residents in total and they were featured, along with MOAPIA, on NBC4 News.
	Work with DBH to understand what data they currently collect about AAPI residents and what data could be collected in the future that would allow us to understand the scope of services AAPI residents receive and the percent of the population seeking those services from DBH. Once MOAPIA has access to the existing and/or new data, it will work to identify the key challenges that exist in terms of access and find ways to help resolve it by working with community groups.	Additionally, MOAPIA has been supporting the AAPI Commission's Task Force on Mental Health on their activities.
Community Safety	Promote a cultural competency training video for the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) which includes not only cultural aspects of the community but also a variety of suggestions on how to be more culturally sensitive and better comprehend different challenges the community faces.	MOAPIA created and launched a cultural competency training video tailored to police officers in the District of Columbia. After successfully launching the video, MOAPIA continued to work with MPD to ensure that the video was shown to approximately 3,500 police officers and 500 civilian MPD staff and that they have a better understanding of how to work with the AAPI community. Also, MOAPIA and MPD arranged a one-day panel discussion which allowed an in-depth discussion on a broad set of topics including cultural bias, stereotypes, and different cultural values. MOAPIA also shared a variety of challenges AAPI communities had faced and provides recommendations on how to better understand and serve AAPIs in DC with the discussion of participants.
	Conduct door to door outreach with MPD and introduce officers to the community and facilitate communication between them	MOAPIA continued to conduct joint small business walkthroughs with MPD to connect AAPI small business owners with the MPD officers in their police service areas, especially in Wards 7 and 8. A major area of concern for many AAPI business owners included loitering and selling of suspicious materials in or near their business premises. In addition, when an AAPI business flagged any concern, MOAPIA took appropriate measures to address the concern, including notifying the respective PSA (Patrol Service Area) officers and/or asking for increased preventive patrol in the area.
K-12 Education	Increase resources for more than language access: Provide capacity building assistance to United Federation of Filipino American Educators (UNIFFIED – Washington DC) & other groups to provide more after school tutoring programs at targeted schools with high-concentration of AAPIs students.	After further consideration, MOAPIA has decided not to go forward with United Federation of Filipino American (UNIFFIED— Washington, DC) because the organization does not have the capacity undertake the project. MOAPIA researched other suitable groups to provide more tutoring programs at targeted schools with a higher concentration of AAPI students. MOAPIA informed the relevant organizations of the AAPI grant program opportunity. Only Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) applied and received funding. Part of the services they provide include academic assistance for participating youths of their mentoring program.

	<p>Identify groups that offer after school tutoring programs and find ways to extend it to DC AAPI community (e.g., Georgetown University)</p>	<p>MOAPIA identified groups that provide tutoring programs for AAPI students or education programs that may have an interest and capacity in expanding their programs to cover more AAPI students. See item above for more updates.</p> <p>In May 2019, MOAPIA supported a local book reading event for “Journey Towards Justice: The Larry Itliong Story,” a children’s book about Filipino farm worker and co-founder of the United Farm Workers movement Larry Itliong. The book is intended for children ages 10-up and the event was cosponsored by the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance.</p>
	<p>Promote ESL programs to AAPI community via community-based organizations (CBOs).</p>	<p>MOAPIA updated the list of free or low-cost ESL programs in December 2018. To promote various ESL programs widely throughout the community, MOAPIA promoted them through its well-attended events such as Diwali, Toy Drive, Chinatown Community Festival, and Movie Nights. MOAPIA reached a total of 770 residents in FY19 and promoted available ESL programs in the District.</p> <p>In FY19, MOAPIA provided funding to CBOs such as the Washington English Center and Chinatown Service Center that provided assistance and services specifically to Limited-English-Proficient (LEP)/Non-English-Proficient (NEP) constituents in DC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chinatown Service Center (CSC) serves as a centrally located hub for low-income Asian American individuals, families, seniors, and youth, many of whom have limited English language skills • The Washington English Center provides English language skills and job preparation services to the AAPI community
	<p>Increase resources for more than language access: Directly reach out to public schools with higher concentration of AAPI students to conduct outreach at their school events to reach parents about after school and tutoring programs.</p>	<p>MOAPIA directly engaged with public schools with a higher concentration of AAPI students by hosting information tables at a variety of school events, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaton Elementary School Community Resource Fair in November 2018 • DCPS Lunar New Year Festival in February 2019 • Seaton Elementary School Multicultural Fair in May 2019
	<p>Partner with CBOs organizations and schools who are interested in infusing AAPI components into the curriculum, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Language Immersion Project, which has been working with DCPS and Council members; • Leaders and teachers at the Yu Ying Charter School (language immersion) 	<p>In FY 19, MOAPIA provided grants to community organizations such as Asian American LEAD (AALEAD), Washington English Center, and Chinatown Service Center that provide education-related services to AAPI students in the District. Those community organizations play an integral role in empowering AAPI students through tutoring and mentoring, to foster more students of AAPI heritage to become future leaders in a variety of fields.</p> <p>Furthermore, MOAPIA participated in various community events that focused on multicultural education, including the Multicultural Education Fair in January 2019 and Seaton Elementary School Multicultural Fair in May 2019.</p>
<p>Adult Education and Job Training</p>	<p>Distribute translated list of job preparation and job readiness programs via community-based organizations (CBOs) and news media. More widely promote and publicize organizations providing job prep and readiness training programs.</p> <p>Promote our grants to organizations that conduct adult education/workforce development for ESL beyond Washington English Center; like to Carlos Rosario charter school.</p>	<p>MOAPIA compiled a list of available job preparation and readiness programs in the District for residents. As the programs were only conducted in English, it was concluded that it was unnecessary to translate the list into AAPI languages. MOAPIA shared the list through its newsletter, social media as well as at MOAPIA’s signature events, community fairs, and events hosted by other organizations such as Seaton Elementary School, Washington English Center, and MPD. This material reached a total of 840 residents in FY19.</p>
	<p>Update MOAPIA’s list of ESL programs and widely promote in the AAPI.</p>	<p>MOAPIA updated the list of free or low-cost ESL programs in December 2018. In order to promote various ESL programs widely throughout the community, MOAPIA took advantage of promoting them through its well-attended events such as Diwali, Toy</p>

		Drive, Chinatown Community Festival, and Movie Nights. Through such efforts, MOAPIA reached a total of 770 residents in FY19 to promote available ESL programs in the District.
Small Business	Work with the DC Department of Small & Local Business Development (DSLBD) and other agencies to determine the range of industries and agencies that have the most certified business enterprise (CBE) projects.	MOAPIA determined that “Food Service” and “Other Services” vendors had the highest government contract opportunities as a large number of AAPI-concentrated businesses, such as nail salons and dry cleaners, were included in the “Other Services” category. After the finding, MOAPIA shared high contract opportunities in MOAPIA’s newsletter and conducted direct outreach to the business owners who were in the relevant industries.
	Continue promoting programs such as Small Business Technical Assistance (SBTA), Great Streets, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Storefront Façade Program, and etc.	MOAPIA promoted the SBTA, Great Streets, and DHCD Storefront Façade Programs to both small business owners and residents. MOAPIA promoted these programs through door to door outreach and provided step by step instructions on how to apply for the programs. A total of 516 businesses received information on these programs. For the DHCD Storefront Façade Program, MOAPIA continued to work closely with DC Facades to assist AAPI-owned businesses interested in applying for the Facades program. As of 09/30/2019, MOAPIA pre-screened 29 businesses and supported 13 businesses with applying for the Facade program. MOAPIA also assisted 30 businesses on the Private Security Camera Incentive Program, other SBTA related topics including grants and loans for small businesses, and connecting AAPI owners with CBOs in their corridors totaling in 46 cases.
	Help identify resources for small businesses, include greater information dissemination of info for set-asides and other procurement opportunities for certified business enterprises (CBEs) in DC: Research which industries (e.g., construction, janitorial, maintenance, supplies, printing) have the largest number of DC government contract opportunities and match those with the industries where AAPI business owners have the highest concentrations.	MOAPIA regularly shared government contract opportunities on its biweekly newsletter. The shared opportunities were not limited to Certified Business Enterprise (CBE)/Small Business Enterprise (SBE), but also included local procurement opportunities and upcoming government contracts-related training sessions hosted by DSLBD and Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP).
	Regularly include link of OCP’s website for available industry-specific city contracts in the section of MOAPIA’s newsletters devoted to small business.	MOAPIA shared information about CBE/SBE and upcoming CBE and government contracts-related training sessions as well as local procurement opportunities in its biweekly newsletter during May and August in FY19.
	Greater focus on safety and security of small businesses, particularly as they seek to expand to traditionally non-AAPI areas: Continue introducing MPD Patrol Service Area Officers to AAPI Business communities. Facilitate necessary communications between MPD and AAPI business owners and community; Consider expanding these efforts if deemed necessary.	MOAPIA continued to conduct joint small business walkthroughs with MPD to connect AAPI small business owners with the MPD officers in their police service area. In addition, MOAPIA worked closely with MPD to improve community safety for residents and business owners through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted MPD’s Text Tip Line (50411) to 377 businesses and 65 residents • Created flyers explaining the difference between the 911 services (emergency) and 311 services (city services), translated them in Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean, and distributed the flyers to 654 businesses and residents across all eight Wards • Shared announcements and updates regarding Mayor Bowser’s efforts to improve public safety • Promoted Private Security Camera Incentive Program, which provides reimbursements for the purchase and installation of outdoor security cameras, and shared translated materials detailing the Program to over 985 business owners and residents.

Housing	Continue educating residents of their tenants' rights and share information for available matching funds and other opportunities for ownership, and other affordable rental opportunities in the District. Continue educating Museum Sq. residents on tenants' rights; support those buildings where the risk of displacement is significant.	<p>MOAPIA regularly communicated with the Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA) and continued to work with its grantees, Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) and Housing Counseling Services (HCS), to educate residents of tenants' rights.</p> <p>MOAPIA worked closely with HCS on several housing cases and attended their Housing Search Clinic. The workshop provided information to individuals and families searching for a rental and shared resources to help constituents locate available affordable housing in the District.</p> <p>In addition, MOAPIA regularly visited apartment buildings with a higher population of AAPI seniors such as Wah Luck House, Gibson Plaza, Kelsey Building and Museum Square Apt. Building to check in with residents and educate residents of their rights as tenants. MOAPIA also helped promote the DC Housing Expo in June and attended DHCD's Needs Assessment and Fair Housing Hearing event, where residents received information on available matching funds, opportunities for homeownership, and other affordable rental opportunities in the District.</p>
	Inform residents at Museum Square about new opportunities for housing nearby to their building – e.g., in Chinatown, Mt Vernon Square, etc. Lay out the options in DC.	<p>In April 2019, MOAPIA produced an informational flyer containing a map that illustrated the locations of Public Housing units in each Ward and included contact information of the buildings. The map notes if those Public Housing buildings are accepting new applicants or not. This flyer was created to assist District residents and community members to have a clear understanding of Section 8 and Public Housing facilities around Chinatown. This was distributed at housing outreach at Museum Square.</p> <p>On top of this, MOAPIA continued to be in touch with Museum Square residents through its regular outreach, DHS case assistance, as well as its community events and provided relevant assistance.</p>
	Continue funding CBOs that have expertise in educating public of tenants' rights.	<p>MOAPIA continued to fund the APALRC and HCS to educate residents of tenants' rights.</p> <p>In FY 2019, HCS served 1,428 AAPI residents. HCS provided assistance and provided information with 479 at-risk AAPI tenants regarding their building concerns. Their direct housing services included home purchase, tenancy, home rehab, foreclosure prevention, budget/credit, post occupancy, housing search, homelessness prevention, and their services reached 106 AAPI households in FY19.</p>
Civil Liberties	Utilize the web, forums, media, etc., to proactively share information and updates about immigration law and policy: Continue to work with libraries and/or CBOs as well as Department of Human Services Frontline Centers (H Street NE and Taylor Street NE) where MOAPIA has Chinese and Vietnamese-speaking staff to proactively share information about immigration law and policy.	<p>MOAPIA focused on informing DC residents about the most updated immigration law and policy. MOAPIA made various efforts as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected the AAPI community to free or low-cost legal and citizenship services • Shared immigration resources as well as the National Immigration Forum's naturalization informational events and workshops through its social media and newsletter • Updated information and events/workshops from the Immigrant Justice Legal Services (IJLS) grantees and the APALRC once a quarter specifically in April, July, and September through its social media/newsletter • Placed information on National Immigration Forum at two DHS Frontline Service Centers • Promoted "New American Workforce's Citizenship Workshops," a joint effort between the DC Government and National Immigration Forum which supports DC residents' naturalization process, through its social media and newsletter
	Provide funding for AAPI residents to fight discrimination cases to cover cost and attorney fees: Add a focus on legal services that assist with discrimination cases to the funding areas of MOAPIA's community grant program.	<p>MOAPIA continued to fund the APALRC, to provide legal services to AAPI residents in DC.</p> <p>In FY19, APALRC served 233 AAPI residents. APALRC provides linguistically accessible and culturally appropriate civil legal services to the low-income, Limited-English-Proficient (LEP)/Non-English-Proficient (NEP) constituents. Through their services, APALRC conducted outreach to ensure that the DC's AAPI community has knowledge of the legal services available to them, and</p>

		<p>hosted community legal education workshops/seminars to educate individuals' civil and legal rights. Additionally, through their Multilingual Legal Helpline, APALRC's services were available in English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Hindi.</p> <p>In addition, MOAPIA's outreach staff members attended OHR's Human Rights Liaison Training, where it taught trainees how to determine discriminatory scenarios and proceed with procedures to file complaints.</p>
	<p>Support promoting MPD Cultural Competency Training.</p> <p>The purpose of this initiative is to provide police officers in-depth information about the AAPI community and its diverse cultural values so that they can better understand the AAPI community in DC. MOAPIA will promote a cultural competency training video which includes not only cultural aspects of the community but also a variety of suggestions on how to be more culturally sensitive and better comprehend different challenges the community faces. Continue Door to door outreach with MPD, collect feedback.</p>	<p>MOAPIA created and launched a cultural competency training video tailored to police officers in the District of Columbia. After successfully launching the video, MOAPIA continued to work with MPD to ensure that the video was shown to approximately 3,500 police officers and 500 civilian MPD staff, and that they have a better understanding of how to better serve the AAPI community. MOAPIA and MPD arranged a 1-day panel discussion which allows an in-depth discussion on a broad set of topics including cultural bias, stereotypes, and different cultural values. In addition, MOAPIA provided an informational presentation at MPD's Special Liaison Branch (SLB) Affiliate training, where newly selected SLB officers learned more about the AAPI community in DC, misconceptions, challenges, and suggestions on building trust with AAPI constituents.</p> <p>Also, MOAPIA continued its door-to-door outreach and joint small business walkthroughs with MPD and gathered feedback on community policing and public safety from business owners and residents.</p>
Immigration	<p>Promote a more positive picture of immigration and immigrants targeted to students and younger generations, especially in public schools : Work with both UNIFFIED - Washington DC and DCPS to develop a guest speaker-in-the-classroom program to dialogue with students in various high AAPI concentration schools in ways that paint a more positive picture for them about immigration and immigrants in the U.S.</p>	<p>MOAPIA provided grants to community organizations such as Asian American LEAD (AALEAD), Washington English Center and Chinatown Service Center that provide education-related services to AAPI students in the District. Those community organizations play an integral role in empowering AAPI students through tutoring and mentoring, to foster more students of AAPI heritage to become future leaders in a variety of fields. MOAPIA regularly interacted with DCPS Welcome Center where DCPS refers immigrant students to test their English proficiency and coordinate its English as a Second Language (ESL) program. MOAPIA and DCPS Welcome Center shared data on Asian immigrant students in DC, exchanged ideas on helping immigrant students' adaptation and reception, and discussed collaboration opportunities.</p> <p>Furthermore, MOAPIA participated in various community events focused on multicultural education, including Multicultural Education Fair in January 2019 and Seaton Elementary School Multicultural Fair in May 2019. MOAPIA has been continuing such efforts in FY20 as well, including participation in the Multilingual Education Fair in January 2020.</p>
	<p>Support organizations that provide pro bono immigration services: Continue supporting the Immigrant Justice Legal Services' Grants Program. [D.C.'s General Counsel has asked MOAPIA to help administer the grant again for the fiscal year 2019]</p>	<p>MOAPIA continued to give the Community Grant to Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) to provide free legal services to low-income residents. It also actively promoted free legal clinics hosted by APALRC and Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC) through its newsletter.</p> <p>MOAPIA did not administer the Immigrant Justice Legal Services (IJLS) Grant Program in FY19 as the work is now handled by the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs.</p>
Arts and Culture	<p>Expand the definition of what an AAPI cultural event is and create events that are beyond just celebrations. Research, plan, and deliver AAPI events that will go beyond "eating and dancing" including: Hold civic events (like elections or registering to vote or early voting) around MOAPIA's cultural events.</p>	<p>As part of efforts to expand MOAPIA's cultural events beyond just celebrations and include diverse topics and resources that matter to the AAPI community, MOAPIA shared voter registration at its community events, which reached 105 residents. MOAPIA also provided an information booth for the DC Board of Elections (BOE) at its Chinatown Community Festival, where the BOE registered new voters and educated the public on voting in DC. About 1,000 people attended the Festival.</p> <p>MOAPIA co-sponsored both the opening and closing sessions of the Washington Leadership Program with the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) in the summer of 2019. The Washington Leadership Program introduced the younger generation of AAPIs to veteran advocates in public service to inspire and promote civic engagement. Director Ben de Guzman introduced MOAPIA's work to the participants and how CAPAL members could get involved to help serve the AAPI community. The event attracted over 100 participants.</p>

		<p>In FY 2019, MOAPIA continued to fund the DC Asian Pacific American Film (APA Film) to support the development AAPI media arts and talent through creative workshops, community outreach, social media platforms, and a film festival in April 2019. APA Film hosted Crazy Rich Asians Screen-writer Adele Lim for a writer’s panel and special screening. Their three-day film festival featured more than 80 films that starred, directed by, and/or written by AAPIs. APA Film’s Script 2 Screen contest produced a short film that was screened at the festival. In addition, APA Film hosted an advanced screening of The Farewell with screenwriter Lulu Wang and a comedy night with 7 DC-based AAPI comedians.</p> <p>In addition, MOAPIA hosted an Asian-themed movie night series at Chinatown Park, for the purpose of attracting more visitors and encouraging better use of Chinatown Park, providing opportunities to share community/district agency resources and services with community members and celebrating the cultural diversity of DC. In FY2019, MOAPIA screened three movies: Crazy Rich Asians, Bend It Like Beckham, and Monkey King: Hero is Back. Through these screenings, MOAPIA shared Asian culture through film with over 600 attendees.</p> <p>To strengthen its partnership with diverse partners within the AAPI community and promote Mayor Bowser’s FITDC initiative, MOAPIA teamed up with the Asian and Pacific Islander Queers United for Action (AQUA), supported and participated in the 2019 DC Dragon Boat Festival.</p>
	<p>Raise awareness about AAPI arts & culture through reaching out to AAPI youth and collaborating with agencies such as DCPS & DC Public Library: Connect DCPL or other libraries with AAPI authors for book reading events at the libraries.</p>	<p>MOAPIA continually pushed to raise awareness about the rich AAPI arts and culture scene in DC. Below is a list of the highlighted events or promotion plans that MOAPIA was part of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the 2019 Asian American Literature Festival hosted by the Smithsonian APA Center • Supported Bangladeshi-American artist Monica Jahan Bose on her public art project “WRAPture: Storytelling with Saris” installed at Anacostia Arts Center and around Ward 8. MOAPIA also assisted in obtaining WMATA Metro and Bus advertisements to promote the exhibition. • Promoted DC Public Library’s Artist Talk with Shani Shi. • Hosted a Book Reading of the children’s book “Journey for Justice: The Life of Larry Itliong,” written by Gayle Romasanta and Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon.. • Supported a discussion with several AAPI artists and creatives in the District to explore how MOAPIA and the AAPI artist community could work together to effectively promote AAPI artists with the public • Participated in the Asian American Literature Festival at Eaton DC, hosted by The Library of Congress and Smithsonian's National Museums of Asian Art.
	<p>Support other agencies with their AAPI Heritage Month (AAPIHM) celebrations by providing advice for agencies to produce better quality AAPI-focused programming. Where relevant, line up MOAPIA Director to speak during programs.</p>	<p>MOAPIA provided advice for other District agencies and partners to produce better quality AAPI focused programming during AAPIHM by MOAPIA Director attending or delivering speeches at various events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in Carlos Rosario 2019 API Spring Festival • Delivered a speech at APEX, a talent acquisition company, about the history and importance of AAPIHM and Mayor Bowser's initiatives that impacted DC’s AAPI community • Delivered a speech at AAPIHM Mixer hosted by Buckley LLP, a civil law firm in DC • Delivered a speech at the U.S. Department of Labor about the meaning and importance of AAPIHM

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered a speech at The White House Communications Agency at the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling about the meaning and importance of AAPIHM
	<p>Interact with museums in DC that have cultural exhibits already planned. Invite communities. In particular, pursue collaborations with the Smithsonian APA Center on projects that advance AAPI culture.</p>	<p>MOAPIA continually interacted with the Smithsonian museums and helped promoting many AAPI-related cultural events. MOAPIA invited more than 360 community members to its 2019 Diwali Reception at Smithsonian's National Museums of Asian Art in late October. MOAPIA planned to work with the Smithsonian to co-host DC Night Market in FY20. MOAPIA also helped to promote diverse AAPI cultural events in its newsletter. Below is a list of highlighted cultural events that MOAPIA helped promoting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian American Literature Festival (August 2nd to 4th, 2019) at Eaton DC, The Library of Congress, and Smithsonian's National Museums of Asian Art. • Tiffany Chung: Vietnam, Past Is Prologue (March 15th to September 2nd, 2019) at Smithsonian American Art Museum. • Artist Talk with Shani Shi, at Woodridge library. • Artist Talk and Closing for SUSTENANCE exhibition: Bose and Chaudhuri at Carroll Square Gallery.