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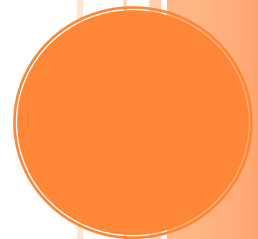
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BACKGROUND

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 Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. One of the many ways that OAPIA accomplishes this mission is by funding AAPI community-based organizations (CBO) to provide direct social service programs such as in-language *after-school mentoring, job placement, housing counseling assistance*, and other areas at the grassroots level.

OAPIA is in its 5th year of providing funding to Asian American and Pacific Islander community-based organizations through the **AAPI Community Grant** which began in FY2007, when a number of Asian American and Pacific Islander-led CBOs and the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development requested that the Mayor support funds to be distributed competitively to AAPI-serving organizations.

In FY2007, OAPIA funded seven grantees a total of \$228,000 in direct-service grants and \$20,000 in 12 technical assistance grants. Since then, \$1.5 million was granted over the past five years for programs targeting AAPIs. This money funded 50 different projects in the areas of education, arts, safety, employment, health, legal services, and other youth and senior social services.

In FY2011, OAPIA awarded \$255,000 to nine community-based organizations that serve the District's AAPI residents. The total amount requested from these nine organizations was \$582,477. The awarded funds enabled enhancing of startup and existing programs that were focused on improving Asian American and Pacific Islander lives in the areas of health, education, arts and culture, housing, and employment.

Grant Process

OAPIA developed its grant process through the development of its Grant Manual in 2010 which incorporates the District's Citywide Grants Manual and Sourcebook promulgated by the Office of

Partnership and Grants and relevant sections from the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102, "Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments". OAPIA implements a four step competitive process that includes:

- Notice of Funding Availability
- Request for Application
- Public Question and Answer
- Proposal Review

A. Informing the Public of Funding Availability

OAPIA notified the public of its community grant through OAPIA's website, listservs, and the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development's Funding Alert and District Grants Clearinghouse.

OAPIA prepared and distributed first a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

The notification targeted CBOs providing services to underserved AAPI residents, particularly linguistically isolated, in the following areas of need: education (all ages), workforce development, economic development, housing services, legal services, health and human services, public safety, arts, culture, and humanities.

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OAPIA held a Pre-Application

Conference on July 2, 2010 at 441 4th

Street NW, 11th Floor Conference Room. OAPIA guided attendees through the grant application and 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, and phone calls. The Request for Applications (RFA) was distributed on June 28, 2010 and covered in depth at the Pre-Application conference.

B. Application Review Process

OAPIA recruited six 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 RFA. 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 Director. 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 (\$46,000)

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.

- **Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC)**
Funding Priority Area: Legal Services (\$10,000)

The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the legal and civil rights of Asian Americans in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan community through direct services, education, and advocacy. Through its innovative programs and strategic partnerships, the APALRC's main goals are two-fold: (1) to address the individual legal needs of low-income and limited-English proficient Asian Americans, particularly in the areas of workers' rights, domestic violence, and immigration, and (2) to advocate for broad-based systemic change on civil rights issues impacting Asian Americans.

- **Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC)**
Funding Priority Area: Employment (\$21,000)

The Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC) is a non-profit organization that 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 the District'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: Arts and Youth (\$20,000)

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

- **Newcomers Community Service Center (NCSC)**
Funding Priority Area: Employment Services (\$15,000)

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 (\$46,000)

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.

MONITORING

Grant Oversight and Capacity Building Technical Assistance Provider Grant

To ensure that services are reaching our AAPI 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 reports to document program progress on a quarterly basis; whereas, on-site consultations are done in the middle of the grant year.

872 workshops, 8,471 outreach and engagement efforts, and 136 AAPI youth participation are just some of the highlights of the AAPI Community Grant.

income AAPI residents and merchants on topics ranging from merchant rights to citizenship and culture

- 8471 outreach and engagement efforts were conducted to AAPI residents about the services available to them

- 136 AAPI youth participated in the three youth programs funded

Highlights of Grant Outcomes

Out of the nine grantees that were awarded funding, eight grantees fully met their grant measurements. One grantee had challenges meeting their measurement which led to one measurement being partially met. Some of the impressive work by these programs include:

- 872 workshops, classes, events for low-

Organization	Funding Priority Area/Amount	Measurements	Outcomes
Asian American LEAD	Youth Services \$46,000	30 students enrolled in the Secondary School Program	47 enrolled
		80 workshops on cultural enrichment	118 workshops held
		50% of students improved on pre-post survey that measure Academic Attainment, Positive Self Identity, Responsible Behavior, and Civic Engagement	50% of students maintained or improved on pre-post survey
		24 mentor-mentee matches enrolled	35 matches
		12 Mentoring Events(including Mentor Training)	14 organized events
		12 Parent Group Meetings	12 Parent Group Meetings
		Outreach to 100 potential mentors, mentee, or volunteers in the Greater DC area	398 individuals outreached
Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project	Health Services \$38,000	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	1 group
		Train API community members to provide support to API survivors of DV through DVRP's bi-annual advocates training program	20 community members trained
		Place 4 advertisements in ethnic media outlets to increase awareness about services	4 advertisement placed
		DVRP staff, volunteers and board members participate in a follow-up training session conducted by Breakthrough	1 training conducted
		Coordinate 3 cultural competency trainings and collaborative efforts targeted to API communities	4 trainings and efforts
		Distribute 1000 pieces of educational and informational materials for survivors of DV and community members	1002 distributed

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center	Legal \$10,000	Develop survey to gauge pressing needs related to safety relationships with MPD; and commercial issues	1 survey developed
		Conduct 25 need-assessment surveys to create “Know Your Rights and Responsibilities” brochures	25 surveys conducted
		Develop “Know Your Rights and Responsibilities” brochure	1 brochure developed
		Disseminate 250 materials to DC merchants	265 distributed
Chinatown Services Center	Social Services \$31,000	Intake , manage 3000 cases from clients on social services	3728 referrals and cases managed
		Distribute 400 public service brochures	400 public service brochures distributed
		Conduct 4 workshops on health and social services	10 workshops completed
		Conduct 48 ESL and citizenship classes	88 completed

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Chinatown Community Cultural Center	Employment/ Youth \$21,000	Computer Skills program will serve 75 District API residents	80 API residents
		Students will gain basic skills in Microsoft Office and internet capabilities	80 students
		Total of 40 classes will be conducted over 4 sessions	40 classes
		Students will learn at least one new program at the Beginner level	80 students
		Little Warriors will recruit 24 District API students, age 6-13	24 District API students
		Will provide 42 hours of tutoring and hands-on cultural workshops over 3 sessions	42 hours
		At least 75% of students will benefit from tutoring/mentoring and develop a basic knowledge of one new cultural activity	100%
Emmaus-Asian Services Center	Health Services \$28,000	Provide 45 wellness education classes to seniors	359 wellness education classes provided
		Provide 4 health screening to benefit seniors' health	89 screenings provided
		104 literacy classes for seniors	209 classes provided
		Provide Asian meal lunches seniors three days per week	Lunches provided 3 days per week
		Provide 2 Community workshops	2 workshops provided
		80 hours of interpretation assistance	301.25 hours provided
Moving Forward	Arts \$20,000	30 students enrolled in program	30 enrolled
		300 students outreached to for future programming	306 students
		90 to 100% participation rate	90%

		1500 attendance of performances by students	2045
		100% reaching learning outcomes and skill sets	90%

Newcomers Community Service Center	Employment Services	Outreach to 20 new DC AAPI clients	20 DC AAPI clients reached
	\$15,000	Intake and Assessment to 16 clients for job readiness	16 clients assessed
		Place 7 clients in job	7 clients placed
Vietnamese American Community Service Center	Youth and Parental Services	400 hours of individual counseling sessions and/or social services and health referrals for 20 parents	580 hours completed
	\$46,000	240 hours of academic tutoring	774 hours of tutoring completed
		50 hours of interpretation and translation at three parent teacher conference/meetings	94 hours of interpretation provided
		4 bilingual workshops to be led by community specialists	11 bilingual workshops provided
		2 community cultural events	3 events organized

FINANCIALS

The chart provides a breakdown of the \$276,000 used for OAPIA’s AAPI Community Grants and technical assistance grants.

Financial Breakdown	
Organization	Funding Amount
Asian American Leadership Empowerment and Development (AALEAD)	\$46,000
Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)	\$38,000
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC)	\$10,000
Chinatown Service Center (CSC)	\$31,000
Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC)	\$21,000
Emmaus – Asian Senior Center (ASC)	\$28,000
Moving Forward	\$20,000
Newcomers Community Service Center (NCSC)	\$15,000
Vietnamese American Community Service Center (VACSC)	\$46,000
Subtotal:	\$255,000