



David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

MOAPIA Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Career Connections, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is always looking for opportunities to engage with AAPI residents and business owners in DC. Our bilingual outreach team frequently visits small businesses and apartment buildings to assist AAPI residents and merchants with their concerns and provide resources in their native languages. Each year, we handle over 550 cases relating to human services, housing, small business, public safety, education and more.

We are very excited to start our new fiscal year - we've started off by awarding the AAPI Community Grant to nine organizations so that they can continue their great work of serving the AAPIs in the community.

As the critical link between the AAPI community and the DC Government, I want you to know that we are here to support you. If you or someone you know needs help navigating DC Government services and programs, please reach out to our office by phone 202-727-3120 or email oapia@dc.gov.

Warm Regards,

David Do
Director of the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



FY19 AAPI Community Grant

MOAPIA hosted the AAPI Community Grant orientation for FY19 on September 20th. There are 9 total grantees and the selected organizations are committed to better serve the AAPIs in DC and advance their well-being. Below is a list of our grantees and their services:

1. **Chinatown Service Center** will be providing essential social services for improving the daily lives of Asian immigrants.
2. **Hepatitis B Initiative** will help with reducing Hepatitis B and C infections among AAPIs through awareness raising and health screenings.
3. **Asian American LEAD** will be supporting low-income and underserved AAPI youth with educational empowerment, identity development, and leadership opportunities through after school, summer and mentoring programs.
4. **Asian and Pacific American Legal Resource Center** will be providing critical legal services for AAPI Immigrants.
5. **Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project** will provide domestic violence/sexual assault outreach in AAPI communities.
6. **Washington English Center** will provide English language skills and job prep services.
7. **Housing Counseling Services** will provide outreach and education services to AAPI tenants to support efforts to preserve existing affordable housing options.
8. **Asian Pacific American Film** will encourage the development of talent, arts and films within the AAPI community.
9. **Metro DC Community Center** will build connection and community among Asian and Pacific Islander LGBTQ residents.



Meet Our New Staff!

As Community Outreach Specialist, Beverly Li will develop and coordinate a variety of community outreach activities.

She has recently graduated from George Washington University with a Master's degree in International Development. Having interned at the World Bank and USAID, Beverly is passionate about grass-root activities and community

development. She can speak both Mandarin and Cantonese.

Career Opportunities

Public Information Officer

We are seeking a Public Information Officer to join our team! The incumbent will oversee the agency's communications strategy including but not limited to, drafting press releases, writing talking points for the director, reviewing all official agency documents for accuracy, and regularly managing MOAPIA's social media platforms. The incumbent will be the point of contact for all items related to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. To apply, please visit this [page](#).



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