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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,

Many feelings and thoughts are running through my head as I write this message. As the new Interim Director for the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, I am humbled by the trust that has been placed in me by Mayor Bowser to serve this city-- the place that I have called home for more years than anywhere else in my life. I am excited to work with an office that serves the vibrant and dynamic Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia and to join a team of public servants that bring passion and compassion to this important work. While I am also sad to leave my colleagues at the Mayor's Office of the LGBTQ Affairs, I am looking forward to new opportunities to build collaboration and partnership with agencies like theirs across the entire landscape of the District government to make sure we are responsive to the constituencies we are mission bound to serve.



The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs has a long and proud legacy that I am honored to step into. Having engaged this office in a variety of capacities throughout my years as a Filipino American District resident and as an advocate serving AAPI communities on a range of issues, I am eager to start this new chapter of our story together.

Additionally, please join us at the December 7th Toy Drive and share holiday greetings with our office. It is a great time to build connections with the community that I will look forward to strengthening with all of you in the future.

In partnership,

Ben de Guzman, Interim Director
Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

MOAPIA News

MOAPIA Outreach



MOAPIA's outreach team frequently visits businesses across the District to offer information about government programs and resources. Resources are provided in the business owner's native language and staff follow-up to help address any issues or complaints.

Check out more photos from our recent community outings and events by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) (@dcmoapia)

Upcoming Events

Cherry Blossom Giving Circle Funding Opportunity



Are you involved with a DC, MD, or VA org that needs funds for programs in the Asian and Pacific Islander American community?

The Cherry Blossom Giving Circle is a local charity that can help. Applications are due 11/30 and grants will be available in 2019.

Arts and cultural education, community clubs, youth groups, and social service providers are welcome! We have funded groups of all ages and backgrounds. To reduce barriers and encourage participation from underserved groups and those with limited administrative capabilities, the process couldn't be easier:

- 1 page application
- Generally unrestricted funds
- Easy reporting process

The Cherry Blossom Giving Circle is providing funding opportunities for organizations seeking to host programs for the Asian and Pacific Islander American community. Please help us spread the word and apply if interested.

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 30, 2018

FAQ

Who can apply for a grant?

Toy Drive

1.

2.

3.

How many

The funding grants available amount

Please for 2018

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Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Toy Drive & End of the Year Holiday Celebration

**Share a Smile
Give a Toy**

Friday, December 7th | 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Old Council Chambers
441 4th St NW
Washington, DC 20001

Register your children at
<https://bit.ly/2zwHzw1>
or call (202) 727-3120

Toys will be limited to registered children and will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

To request accommodations for a disability, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance.

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Follow us on social media @DCmoapia | Website: <https://apia.dc.gov/>

Join us for the Toy Drive and End of the Year Holiday Celebration on December 7th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Old Council Chambers at 441 4th Street NW! Admission is free, but registration is required. To register your child to receive a toy, please RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/2zwHzw1> or call (202) 727-3120.



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