

Agency Purpose

The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans ('Council' or 'CAPM') was created by the Minnesota State Legislature in 1985 to fulfill the following primary objectives: advise the governor and state legislators on issues pertaining to Asian Pacific people; ensure Asian Pacific Minnesotans are more incorporated and engaged in the governmental and policymaking process; see that residents of Asian Pacific descent have sufficient access to state government services; promote the talents and resources of Asian Pacific people where appropriate; and act as a broker between the Asian Pacific community in Minnesota and mainstream society.

Serving as a conduit to state government for Asian Pacific organizations and individuals, the council recommends bills to the governor and state legislature designed to improve the economic and social condition of all Asian Pacific Minnesotans. Furthermore, the council may provide comment and/or recommendations regarding any application for federal funds submitted by state departments or agencies that stand to impact programs pertinent to Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

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Core Functions

On behalf of this population, the council plays the role of advisor, advocate, and broker. In these capacities, it deals with problems unique to non-English speaking immigrants and refugees; administrative and legislative barriers blocking Asian-Pacific people's access to benefits and services; opportunities for affordable housing and health care; and taking appropriate measures to increase Asian Pacific peoples' level of preparedness for, and overall presence in, the state's ever-evolving workforce.

The council may perform its own research or contract for studies to be conducted for use in developing policy recommendations intended to benefit the Asian Pacific community. Areas of focus may include education, workforce development, human rights, mental health, affordable housing, economic development, violence prevention/intervention, immigration and refugee issues, social welfare, or any other timely subject matter. For a more thorough understanding of these issues or to facilitate a community dialogue, the council frequently hosts roundtable discussions, forums, and workshops. It also convenes workgroups, taskforces, and special committees focusing on issues of particular importance — issues that require more detailed examination or ones where the need for solutions is conveyed with a sense of urgency by the community.

Operations

The CAPM consists of 23 members, 19 of whom are appointed by the governor and represent a broad cross section of the Asian-Pacific community. In addition, two members of the house of representatives and two members of the senate are appointed under the rules of their respective bodies. They serve as non-voting members. The council maintains a staff of four under the leadership of the executive director.

The council serves individuals and ethnic groups from over 40 countries, including Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Federated States of Midway Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Hawaii's, Hong Kong, India,

At A Glance

The number of Asians and Pacific Islanders almost doubled during the 1990s, rising from about 78,000 to more than 144,000. An additional 24,000 people said they were part Asian or Pacific Islander. When those mixed-race people are apportioned among their races, the Asian population grew 108%.

◆ <u>Statewide Population</u>	144,000	3%
Hennepin County	54,086	4.8%
Ramsey County	45,159	8.8%
Dakota County	10,450	2.9%
Olmsted County	5,346	4.3%
Anoka County	5,102	1.7%

◆ Refugee Experience Background
 Approximately 55% of the community has a refugee background, meaning having fled their war torn countries due to persecution based on one of the following five criteria: religion, political opinion, membership in a social group, race, or nationality.

◆ <u>Young Community</u>	<u>Average Age</u>
Asian American	24.5
Pacific Islander American	27.9

◆ <u>Students by School District</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Saint Paul	6,516	13,985
Minneapolis	4,028	7,134
Osseo	598	1,705
Rochester	889	1,337
Rosemount	561	1,315

Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos (Hmong and Lao), Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, North Korea, Northern Mariana Islands, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Tahiti, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tibet, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Vietnam.

Budget

FY 2004-05 Budget

\$486,000 General Fund

75% of General Funds support four FTEs

25% of General Funds provide operational support

5% of all funds support Asian Pacific American Heritage Month activities and/or special events and services

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2006-07
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	243	243	243	243	486
Forecast Base	243	243	243	243	486
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	249	243	243	243	486
Statutory Appropriations					
Special Revenue	30	30	53	53	106
Gift	12	11	9	9	18
Total	291	284	305	305	610
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	230	234	248	261	509
Other Operating Expenses	61	50	57	44	101
Total	291	284	305	305	610
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Cncl Asian Pacific	291	284	305	305	610
Total	291	284	305	305	610
 Full-Time Equivalentents (FTE)					
	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	