

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 (M.S.3.9226).

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.

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.

At A Glance

Asian American and Pacific Islander Population at 210,000, increased 25% from 2000 Census

The Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander population in Minnesota is now at 210,000 according to the 2006 Population Estimates from the Census Bureau. It grew 25% since Census 2000. 85% of the community is concentrated within the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan area.

Refugee Experience - 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.

Disparities in Educational Attainment - 28% if AAPI did not complete high school compared to 9% of Twin Cities residents

Electoral Information - AAPI make up 4% of the state's population, 128,919 of them are eligible voters (*APIA Vote*)

Buying Power – AAPI have a \$2 billion buying power in Minnesota

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, 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.

Key Goals

In accomplishing the Council's core functions as advisor to the governor and members of the legislature, advocate for the community, and broker between the community and others; the Council has taken up the following goals. They are aligned with the *Minnesota Milestones*. The Council's responsibility is taking up the milestones; understand them as they pertain to the Asian American and Pacific Islanders community; and to move the community and thus the state to achieving those goals.

- ◆ People and Children: Families will live in safe communities; children will be healthy and start school ready to learn; and all students will excel in basic and challenging academic skills and knowledge.
- ◆ Community and Democracy: All people will be welcomed, respected and able to participate in Minnesota life professionally and as civic leaders.
- ◆ Economy: All Minnesotans will have the economic means and access to training and education so as to maintain a reasonable standard of living.

Key Measures

People and Children

- ◆ The council will utilize existing data and work with Ramsay and Hennepin counties to reduce the level of runaway youth and teen pregnancy within the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.
- ◆ The council will continue to collect data on Asian American runaway youth and issue reports that will be used to identify changes in the rates.
- ◆ Partner with the Statewide Human Trafficking Taskforce on identifying and helping trafficked victims
- ◆ The council will work with Ready4K and other interested parties to increase the number of students ready for kindergarten and to create culturally specific childcare and early childhood educational opportunities
- ◆ The council will collect data and community input via forums and the annual Hmong Early Childhood Summit as to our progress in outreaching to the community
- ◆ Partner with the Department of Education and school districts that have high percentages of API students on dropout prevention and the achievement gap
- ◆ Partner with Minnesota Asian/American Health Coalition, AAPI non-profits and the Minnesota Department of Health to eliminate health disparities.

Community and Democracy

- ◆ The council will recognize Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for the contributions they make to this state via the annual presentation of the API Leadership Awards
- ◆ The council will convene and provide resources for communities to commemorate May as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month
- ◆ The council will partner with APIA Vote; API non-profits and the political parties to engage and increase the number of AAPI registered voters and voting rates
- ◆ Work with the administration and community to increase the number of AAPI elected and appointed officials in Minnesota
- ◆ The council will work with the US Department of Justice, EEOC, Department of Public Safety, Human Rights Commission and others to outreach and increase the number of AAPI informed and reporting hate and bias crimes
- ◆ Partner with DNR to increase education and outreach to AAPI about the state's natural resources

Economy

- ◆ Partner with the administration, Department of Human Services, counties and non-profits to increase the participation of AAPI in Minnesota’s workforce
 - ⇒ Increase AAPI access to job training programs
 - ⇒ Increase AAPI access to English and functional/work related English Programs
 - ⇒ Decrease number of AAPI enrolled in welfare to work and diversionary programs
 - ⇒ Increase workforce diversity for AAPI workforce population
- ◆ Partner with economic development agencies, the Federal Reserve, and financial institutions
 - ⇒ to educate the community about wealth creation and financial literacy
 - ⇒ focus on & decrease poverty rate for Hmong families (33% vs. 9% for all Minnesotans)
- ◆ Partner with the Minnesota Fair Housing Agency and others to increase the homeownership rate of AAPI, address issues of fair housing and foreclosure
 - ⇒ Collect and disseminate homeownership data and trends for AAPI community
 - ⇒ Increase AAPI access to loans and homeownership programs
 - ⇒ Decrease number of AAPI home foreclosures

Budget

The Asian-Pacific Council was appropriated \$578,000 from the general fund in the FY 2008-2009 biennial budget.

90% of general funds support four FTEs

9% of general funds provide operational support

1% of all funds support Asian Pacific American Heritage Month activities and/or forums, events, and services

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2010-11
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	289	289	289	289	578
Forecast Base	289	289	289	289	578
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					0%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	281	297	289	289	578
Statutory Appropriations					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	46	14	14	14	28
Gift	1	4	4	4	8
Total	328	315	307	307	614
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	263	267	249	249	498
Other Operating Expenses	65	48	58	58	116
Total	328	315	307	307	614
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Cncl Asian Pacific	328	315	307	307	614
Total	328	315	307	307	614
 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	 4.1	 4.0	 3.6	 3.5	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Current Law		Biennium 2010-11
			FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Grants:					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	5	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues:					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	42	14	14	14	28
Gift	5	4	4	4	8
Total Dedicated Receipts	52	18	18	18	36
Agency Total Revenue	52	18	18	18	36