

ASIAN AMERICAN CRISIS RELIEF FUND (AA-CRF)



In 2019, CACF launched the **Asian American Crisis Relief Fund (AA-CRF)** - the only one of its kind- to address the immediate needs of families in our community while helping us understand what barriers families continue to face that informs and strengthens our long term advocacy efforts. The AA-CRF provides financial support for Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) facing crisis situations, when they have nowhere else to turn. Through the support of an anonymous charitable foundation, CACF has been selected to administer emergency funds available to clients of our member organizations.

PROGRAM GOAL: AA-CRF grants are intended to relieve temporary, one-time emergencies, or crises for which no other resources are available.

BY THE NUMBERS

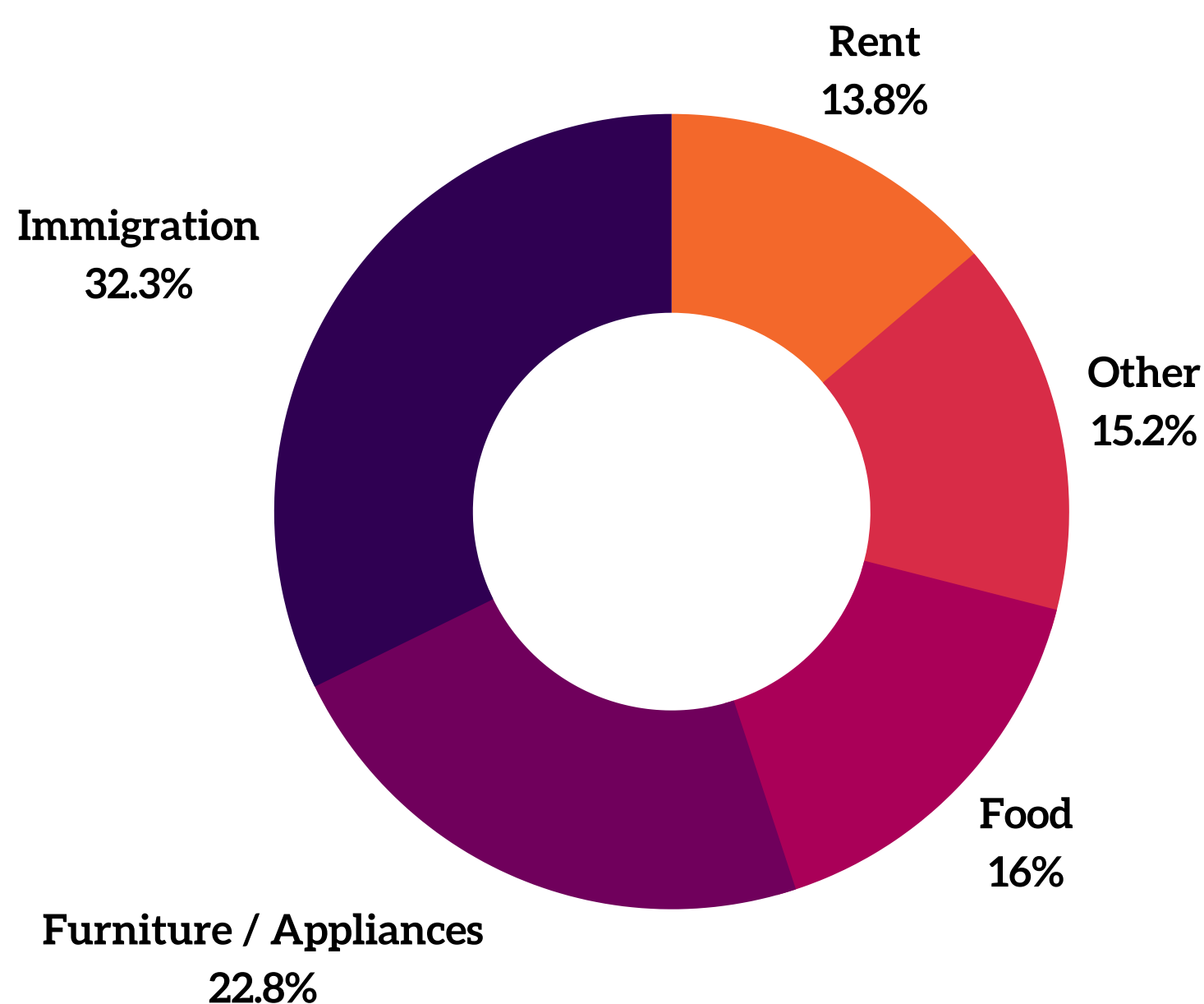
Grants have covered essential expenses including Rent, Utilities, Food, Furniture, Medical Supplies, Childcare and Baby Items, and Immigration Application Fees.

To date, CACF has provided over \$40,000 in crisis relief grants to individuals and families in need across East, South, and Central/Western Asian communities.

2020 Top Three Areas of Need:

- 1) Immigration (\$6,465)
- 2) Furniture & Appliances (\$4,570)
- 3) Food (\$3,200)

Total Disbursed in 2020: \$20,042



“Our clients are struggling to navigate a broken immigration system and often do not have the means to pay the high fees for immigration applications. Saving for those fees often delays many families from applying for citizenship or renewing their DACA applications. Partnering with CACF has provided an opportunity for us to lift some of that burden off our clients.”

Yoon Ji, Social Services Director, MinKwon Center for Community Action

“Two out of five South Asian women in the United States are survivors of domestic violence. At Sakhi for South Asian Women, 75% of our clients live below the poverty line. We understand the connections between violence and economic control. As a member of CACF, we’ve had access to AA-CRF. AA-CRF provided vital emergency funds to survivors and their children when they were most needed, to ensure their safety and help them continue on a path to economic independence.”

Vidula Pant, Director of Programs, Sakhi for South Asian Women

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

- Arab-American Family Support Center
- Center for the Integration of New Americans
- Immigrant Social Services
- Japanese American Social Services, Inc.
- Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York
- Mekong
- MinKwon Center for Community Action
- Sakhi for South Asian Women
- South Asian Council for Social Services
- Women for Afghan Women
- YWCA of Queens