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AAPI COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVE

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Executive Summary

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Diaspora is the most diverse ethnic enclave across New York City, comprising of **18% and Growing of the current population**. The AAPI Community Support Initiative is a city-wide initiative that invests in community based organizations that centers and address the needs of the AAPI Diaspora by not only delivering social services in a manner that is culturally responsive, but also linguistically accessible.

The AAPI Community Support Initiative is a necessary component to provide culturally responsive care for our communities where the work would not be possible without the staff who operate at the core of the provisions and deliverables. Providers contracted under this initiative are able to hire and expand staff capacity to ensure our communities are not isolated from affirming and life-saving care. **About 70% of AAPI Community-Based Organizations were able to close 85%** of all client cases through the work of thousands of staff that are supported by this funding.

Providers of the AAPI Community Support Initiative break down the barriers and far reach the most marginalized communities, serving a diverse range of client and constituent demographics and identities that total

- **Upwards of 40 unique ethnic profiles and over 30 distinct languages and dialects with over 90% of providers reporting that clients serviced identified as Adult, Low-Income, and Immigrant.**

Additionally, our report identifies that stakeholders to the AAPI Community Support Initiative can be found across **all five boroughs of the city**. Commercial, residential, and social hubs that are home to AAPI communities can be found all across Queens and Brooklyn, with condensed concentrations in areas of The Bronx and Manhattan, and an exponentially growing base in Staten Island.

The social impact report analyzes the capacity and concentrations of social services that CBOs deliver to the community.

- Our findings indicate that **over 60% of providers** conducted social services rooted in education, immigration, and youth services.
- **Over 80% of providers** reported a need to increase the investments of public dollars to expand the provision of social services for their constituencies.

Executive Summary (Continued)

Assessing the needs of a community as diverse as the AAPI Diaspora requires consistent evaluation of emerging trends and needs.

- **86% of providers** reported an assessment of emerging needs of affected communities on the ground as well as provided a solutions based approach as to how an increased investment in public dollars will cultivate programming and structures to address these needs.

Providers not only provide direct social services that center care and social safety nets for our communities, but they also execute programs that are rooted in education, information, and **outreach that emphasizes prevention across key areas such as safety, housing, health, and immigration** so that intervention is no longer necessary. Additionally, providers are consistently innovating the methods in which communities are centered in care by establishing and implementing new programs.

Though the funds contracted by the city-wide initiative has far reached and expanded positive outcomes for AAPI communities, our findings indicate a **consistency across providers to improve the application, reporting, and reimbursement process** of the initiative.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander Diaspora across New York City is a growing cultural influence in New York with contributions to the lifeblood of the local economy, the cultural foundations of the boroughs, and the vibrancy of what defines being a New Yorker.

The over 90 collective voices of the 18% and Growing Campaign echoes for transformative shifts that call for a change in values and priorities so that our communities are seen and heard so that the truth between the data you see and the stories you hear motivate groundbreaking action and positive outcomes of opportunity for our communities.

The 18% and Growing Campaign

Since 1986, the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) has been the nation's only pan-Asian children and families' advocacy organization bringing together community-based organizations, as well as youth and community allies, to fight for equity for Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI).

CACF leads the **18% & Growing Campaign, a coalition which unites over 90 AAPI-led and serving organizations across New York City to fight for a fair and equitable budget** that protects the needs of our most vulnerable community members. We advocate as a collective in solidarity to hold New York City accountable in providing the necessary resources to serve and empower the diverse needs of all AAPI New Yorkers.

Our diverse coalition leads the fight for **transformative movements, progressive systems change, and racial equity within government institutions to increasingly invest and equitably fund** community based organizations and city initiatives that directly impact and far reach the Asian American and Pacific Islander Diaspora, which include: East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, West Asia, Southwest Asia, Central Asia, and Pacific Island regions.

Currently, the AAPI community is by percentage the **fastest growing group in New York City**, nearly doubling every decade since 1970 and making up 18% of the population. Unfortunately, current levels of public funding for the AAPI community remain disproportionate to our community's expansive growth and needs.

AAPI Community Based Organizations employ thousands and serve hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers. We not only deserve a more equitable fiscal investment because of the direct services provided, but because these services are provided in a manner that is culturally competent and linguistically accessible – far reaching our diverse communities when the widening gaps between social services and our most vulnerable are at its most apparent.

What is the AAPI Community Support Initiative?

A city-wide initiative that in Fiscal Year 2023, funded 58 Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) serving community-based organizations providing community-informed social services and programming to address widespread historic inequities that have separated our most vulnerable from social welfare and opportunity.

The initiative **invests in critical programming**, including mental health support, youth programs, racial literacy, hate crimes intervention, gender-based violence intervention and prevention, and other culturally responsive services needed to build long-term care and healing for AAPI New Yorkers.

The initiative **builds capacity**, amplifies existing community-based efforts, and supports community based organizations in reaching underserved and historically underrepresented AAPI communities.



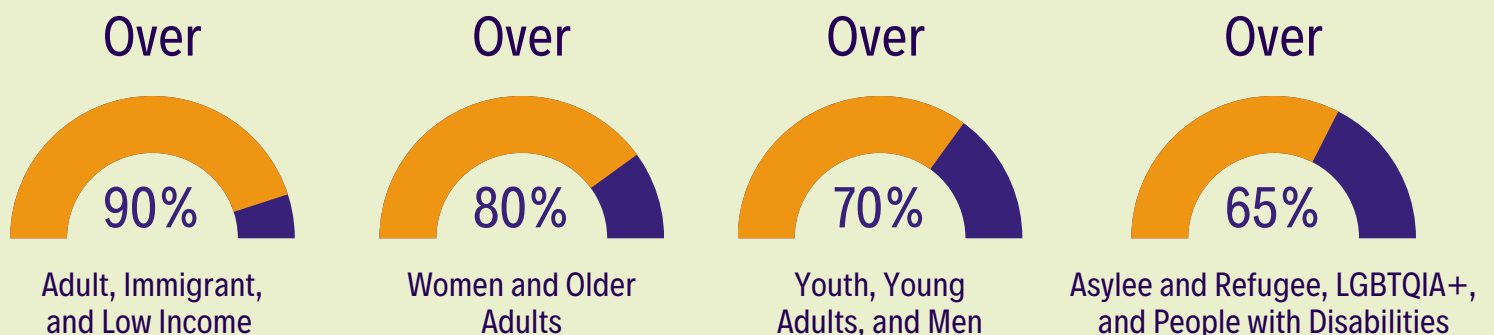
Population Breakdown of Communities Served

The needs of New Yorkers are intersectional and transcend a variety of demographics. AAPI community based organizations provide direct services to a wide range of clients and families that have been disenfranchised by institutions that continue to starve our most vulnerable communities from equitable access to social services and socioeconomic mobility.

Providers of the AAPI Community Support Initiative serve a diverse population of communities. The Social Impact Evaluation has identified the following key populations to whom provision of services occur:

- **Women**
- **Youth (Below 18)**
- **Young Adults (18–24)**
- **Adults (25–59)**
- **Seniors (60+)**
- **Immigrant Communities**
- **Refugee Communities**
- **Indigenous Communities**
- **People with Disabilities**
- **LGBTQIA+ Communities**
- **Low Income Communities**

The following charts visualize the distribution of services amongst populations



Ethnic Demographic Breakdown of Communities Served

New York City is home to an exponentially growing Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern and North African population that comprises intergenerational growth and a large migration of New Americans. Community-Based Organizations are rooted and structured to address the unique needs of these growing communities.

The Social Impact Evaluation has identified the following key ethnic demographics that providers of the AAPI Community Support Initiative serve:

- Afghan
- African American
- Afro and Indo-Caribbean
- Armenian
- Bangladeshi
- Bhutanese
- Burmese
- Cambodian
- Chinese
- Egyptian
- Filipino
- Hispanic/Latino
- Indian
- Indonesian
- Iranian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Laotian
- Libyan
- Malaysian
- Mongolian
- Nepali
- Pakistani
- Palestinian
- Sri Lankan
- Taiwanese
- Thai
- Tibetan
- Turkish
- Uzbek
- Vietnamese
- Yemeni



Geographic Concentration of Social Impact and Community Needs

AAPI community based organizations provide culturally responsive direct services across all 51 council districts of New York City. As the AAPI Diaspora encompasses 18% and Growing of New York City's total population, our communities have rooted themselves across all five boroughs of New York City – establishing commercial districts, faith-based communities, and residential corridors of culture.

The Social Impact Evaluation has identified a number of key neighborhoods as hubs of high population density and services provided to the AAPI diaspora.



The Bronx

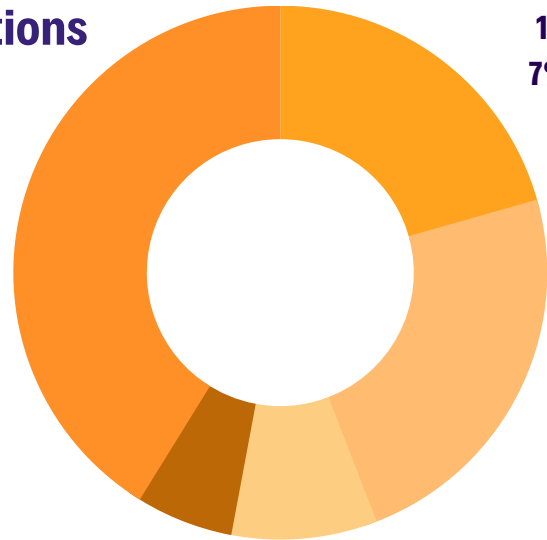
Direct service providers such as:

- Sapna NYC
- Mekong NYC
- LAAL
- Arab American Family Support Center (AAFSC)
- Yemeni American Merchants Association

work proactively to address the needs of an exponentially growing diaspora beginning to shape communities across The Bronx.

Council District Concentrations

District 18
14%



District 11
7%

District 13
8%

District 15
2%

District 14
3%



Ethnic Demographics

Chinese, Indo-Caribbean, Bangladeshi, Yemeni, Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Filipino

Geographic Concentrations



- Castle Hill
- Fordham
- Gun Hill Road
- Kingsbridge
- Morris Park
- Norwood
- Parkchester
- Pelham Bay
- Pelham Parkway
- Riverdale
- Soundview
- University Heights



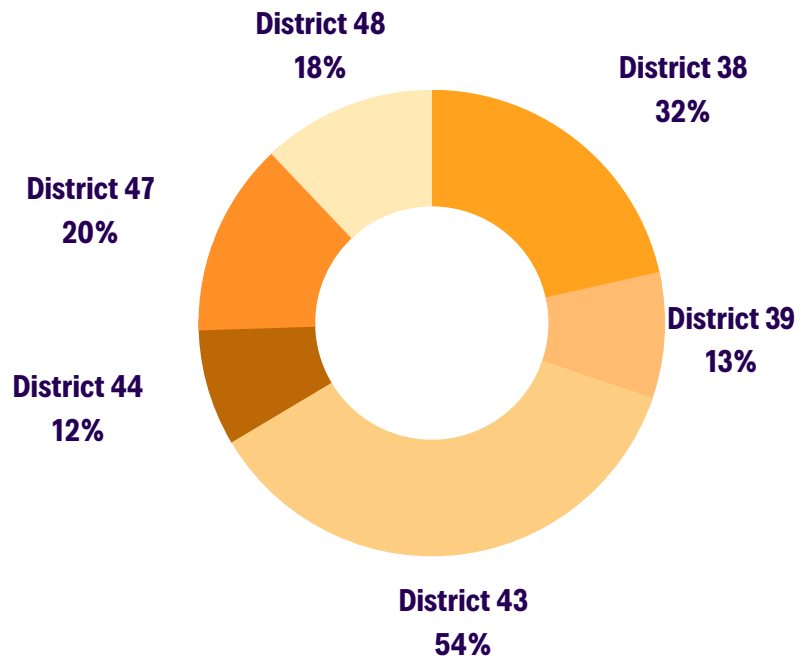
Brooklyn

Council District Concentrations

Direct service providers such as:

- **APNA Community Center**
- **Homecrest Community Services**
- **Arab American Association**
- **UA3**
- **United Chinese Association of Brooklyn**
- **Women Empowerment Coalition**
- **Council of People's Organization**

bridge the gaps to provide culturally responsive care to the communities across Brooklyn.



Ethnic Demographics

Chinese, Yemeni, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Uzbek, Indo-Caribbean, Filipino, Palestinian, Arab

Geographic Concentrations



- **Bay Ridge**
- **Bensonhurst**
- **Borough Park**
- **Fort Greene**
- **Gravesend**
- **Homecrest**
- **Kensington**
- **Marine Park**
- **Sheepshead Bay**
- **Sunset Park**
- **Williamsburg**

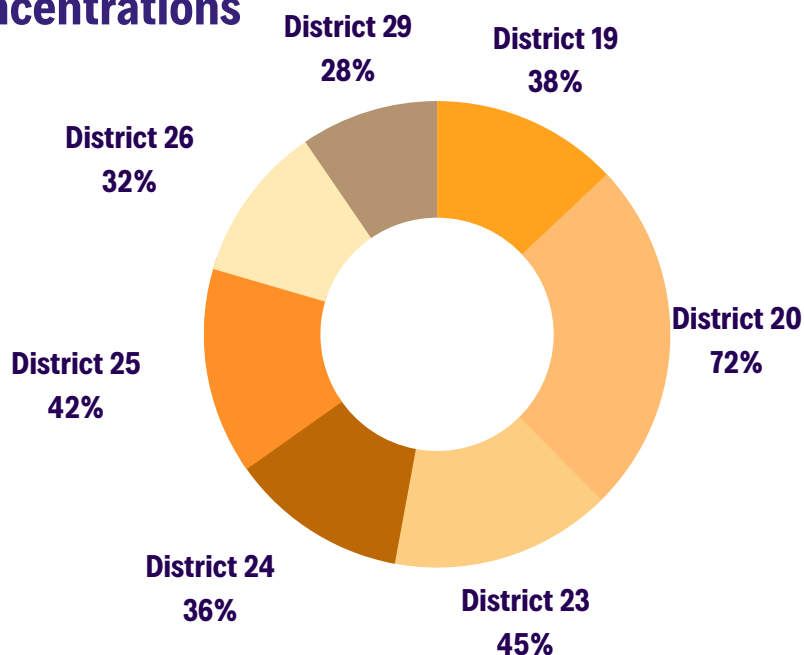


Queens

Council District Concentrations

Direct service providers such as:

- Caribbean Equality Project
- Korean Community Services (KCS)
- Korean American Family Service Center (KAFSC)
- Adhikaar
- India Home
- South Asian Youth Action (SAYA)
- Tibetan Community of New York and New Jersey
- Armenian American Action Network
- Malikah
- Minkwon Center
- Women for Afghan Women
- CIANA
- Sakhi for South Asian Women



respond the immediate and emerging needs across Queens.



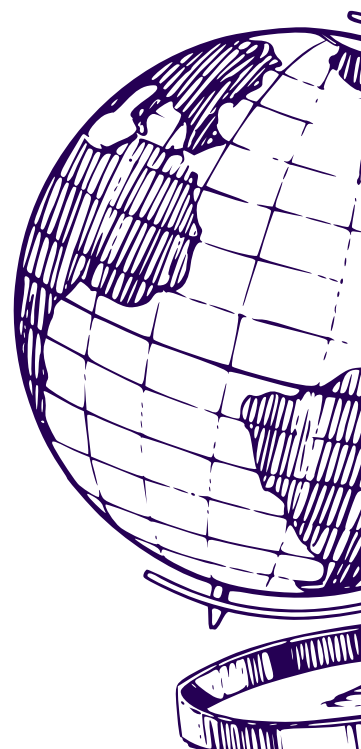
Ethnic Demographics

Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Indian, Bangladeshi, Armenian, Indonesian, Thai, Tibetan, Nepali, Indo-Caribbean, Malaysian, Vietnamese, Uzbek, Sri Lankan, Pakistani, Burmese, Mongolian, Laotian, Afghanistan, Turkish, Palestinian, Libyan, Egyptian, and Taiwanese

Geographic Concentrations



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|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| • Astoria | • Flushing | • Queens Village |
| • Bayside | • Flushing Meadows | • Rego Park |
| • Bellerose | • Forest Hills | • Richmond Hill |
| • Briarwood | • Fresh Meadows | • Sunnyside |
| • Douglaston | • Jackson Heights | • Woodhaven |
| • East Elmhurst | • Little Neck | • Woodside |
| • Floral Park | • Murray Hill | |



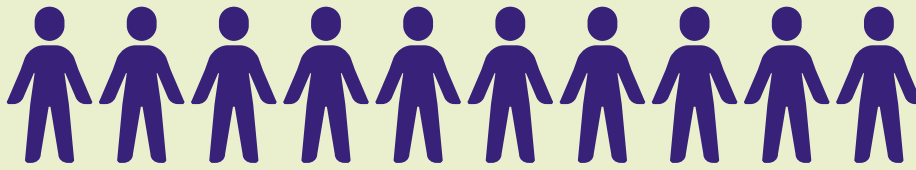
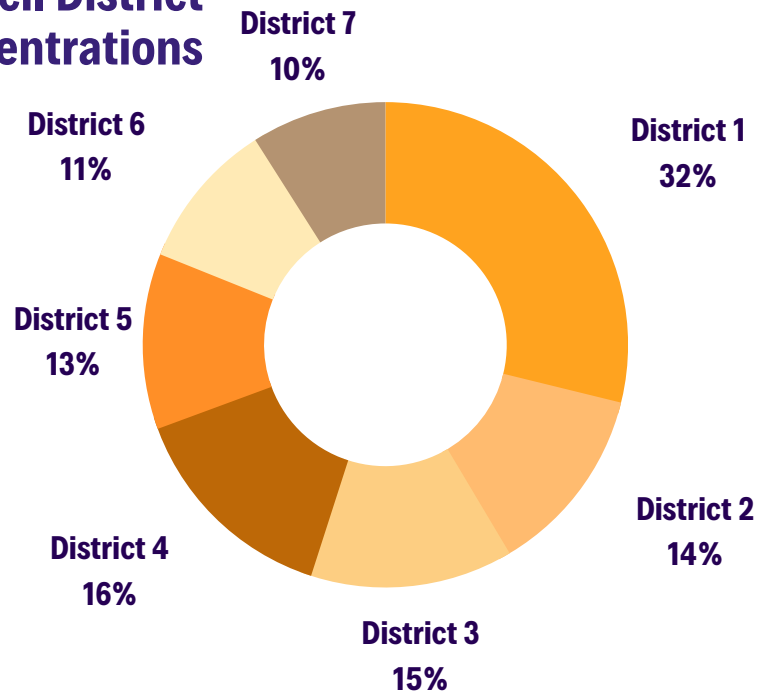
Manhattan

Direct service providers such as:

- **Chinese–American Planning Council (CPC)**
- **CMP**
- **Immigrant Social Services (ISS)**
- **Japanese American Social Services (JASSI)**
- **Welcome to Chinatown**
- **Think Chinatown**
- **Send Chinatown Love**

disrupt historic isolation of AAPI communities across Manhattan.

Council District Concentrations



Ethnic Demographics

Bangladeshi, Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, and Japanese

Geographic Concentrations



- **Central Harlem**
- **Chinatown**
- **East Harlem**
- **East Village**
- **Inwood**
- **Koreatown**
- **Lower East Side**
- **Midtown**
- **Washinton Heights**



Staten Island

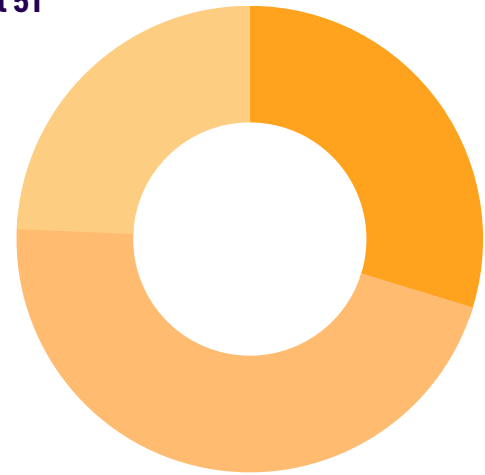
Council District Concentrations

Direct Service providers such as:

- **Korean American Family Service Center**
- **Chinese–American Planning Council (CPC)**

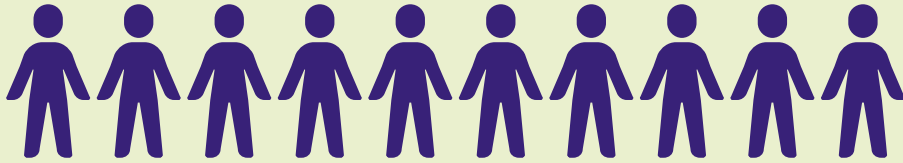
have established satellite offices to lay foundations of culturally holistic and accessible social services to the rapidly growing Asian American communities across Staten Island.

District 51
9%



District 49
11%

District 50
17%



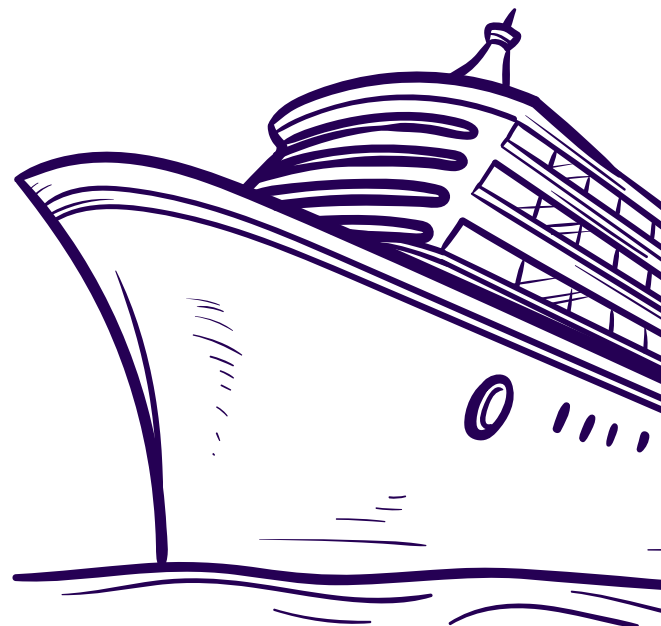
Ethnic Demographics

Chinese, Indian, Filipino, Sri Lankan

Geographic Concentrations



- **Charleston**
- **Greenridge**
- **Borough Park**
- **Bloomfield**
- **Chelsea Travis**
- **Graniteville**
- **Grasmere–Concord**
- **Arochar**
- **Willowbrook**
- **Heartland Village**
- **New Springville**
- **Emerson Hill**
- **Todt Hill**
- **Clifton**
- **Rosebank**
- **Dongan Hills**



Provider Language Accessibility

Breakdown of Languages and Dialects Available by Providers

The Asian American and Pacific Islander Diaspora encompasses a diverse and widespread range of languages and cultures. **Communication is pivotal in providing culturally and quality of life affirming care**, however, barriers in linguistic accessibility are often a leading cause to disproportionate pipelines that evade safety and well-being.

AAPI community based organizations are able to break down language and communication barriers to far reach our most marginalized communities by providing services in the following languages and dialects to expand positive outcomes for our diverse communities.



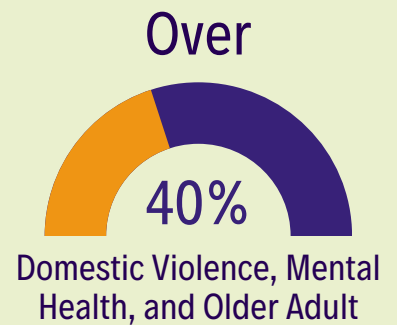
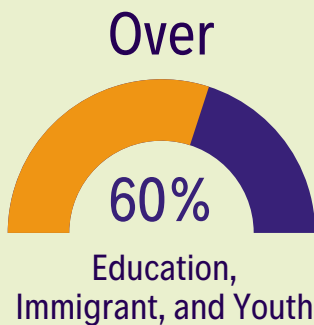
- American Sign Language
- Arabic
- Armenian
- Bangla
- Bisaya
- Cantonese
- English
- Farsi
- French Creole
- Fujianese
- Fuzhounese
- Greek
- Gujarati
- Haitian Creole
- Hakka
- Hindi
- Hokkien
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Javanese
- Kannada
- Khmer
- Korean
- Lao
- Malay
- Malayalam
- Mandarin
- Marathi
- Mongolian
- Nepali
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Tamil
- Telugu
- Thai
- Tibetan
- Toishanese
- Urdu
- Uzbek
- Vietnamese

Breakdown of the Provision of Direct Services

An analysis of the provision of direct services that are delivered by AAPI Community Based Organizations to targeted communities and populations have concluded that providers execute programming and outreach across all major service sectors and available funding stream criteria.

- **Childcare services**
- **Community Development**
- **Community Safety and Victim Services**
- **Criminal Justice Services**
- **Cultural Programming**
- **Domestic Violence Services**
- **Economic Development**
- **Educational Services**
- **Food Services**
- **Health Services**
- **Homeless and Housing Services**
- **Immigrant Services**
- **Legal Services**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Older Adult Services**
- **Small Business and Workforce Development**
- **Veterans Services**
- **Youth Service**

The following charts visualize the distribution of programming and outreach operated by providers:



Note: It is imperative to address that the provision of services in lesser concentrated areas such as Housing and Homeless Services, Workforce Development, Legal Services, and Small Business Services is not a direct correlation that defines a lack of need within the community, but a disproportionate relationship to the lack of funding to which the negative outcome is a lack of capacity to address and assess these specific needs.

Critical Lens on Programming

The provision of direct service programs amongst AAPI Community Based Organizations is dispersed across varying areas of community based needs. Providers were able to service the needs of the community through thousands of programs centered around:

- Workshops and Trainings
- Small Group Sessions
- One on One Sessions
- Case Management
- Zoom Gatherings
- Seminars
- Clinical Support Services
- Screenings and Consultations
- Community Resource Desks

Within these avenues of execution, providers were able to concentrate services in areas such as food pantries, health screenings, mental health outreach, afterschool enrichment, insurance enrollment casework, entitled benefits seminars, counseling services, digital literacy classes, English second language programs, HIV and STI screenings, civic engagement workshops, mammography services, and cultural programs.



The State of Public Dollars and the AAPI Community

The Model Minority Myth has unjustly and unduly disserved Asian American and Pacific Islander communities by invalidating historical oppression of mobility through insufficient policy investments. The historic needs of our community have too often been ignored and institutions have repeatedly failed to effectively address these needs. AAPI Community Based Organizations serve as a bridge between our most vulnerable and marginalized communities and higher qualities of life, safety, wellbeing, and opportunity. However, historic divestment and the elevated austerity in fiscal policy has hindered the capacity of direct service providers to effectively support the expansive growth of AAPI communities.

Significant disparities exist at funding streams that center legal services, housing services, and small business and workforce development. A concentration of funding is centered around cultural, domestic violence, health, and immigrant services.

Over 80% of community based organizations have analyzed that the current levels of public funding are insufficient to effectively serve their communities. Our research and findings state that **less than 5% of public dollars are allocated to support AAPI communities**, and further research identifies inhumane proportions of funding per capita across various funding streams.

It is imperative to note that current levels of public funding already inequitably allocated to AAPI Communities and spent per capita, do not reflect the needs of institutionally impoverished populations such as undocumented, migrant, and asylee communities.



Expanding Investment and Increasing Capacity

AAPI Community Based Organizations require additional funding to support operations and expand infrastructure to better serve vulnerable populations and communities.

An increase in funding and investment would ensure that direct service providers are able to sustainably:

- Build operational capacity of the organization
- Expand full and part time staff
- Hire program specific staff to implement new programs
- Expand staff insurance and benefits
- Expand staff development opportunities
- Provide community enrichment activities
- Support for overhead costs and general operating funding
- Programmatic expenses and capital funding
- Support for emergency food and rapid response measures
- Conduct short and long term research and surveys
- Coordinate multi-year planning for community assessment and evaluations



Assessing Emerging Community Needs

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As we evaluate social impact and positive outcomes for our communities, it is significant to analyze emerging needs and critical intervention points that require expansive responses.

- **86% of Community Based Organizations identified new and emerging needs amongst the communities they serve with the following areas that require proactive investments and immediate attention as requested by impacted communities.**

The following emerging needs must be serviced in a way that is at all times, culturally responsive, linguistically accessible, and affirming to one's identity.

- A need to expand access to male and youth counselors
- Immediate support to expand emergency measures to respond to the needs of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers
- Critically enhance culturally responsive food security and pantry programs
- Addressing the needs of LGBTQIA+ Refugees, Migrants, and Asylee Seekers
- Investments in education specialists to provide culturally responsive professional development programs
- Proactivity that addresses the housing crisis, disrupt eviction and displacement pipelines, and provide technical support to access rental assistance programs
- Technical assistance for small business owners and street vendors
- Culturally responsive workforce development, job training, and skills development programs
- Comprehensive healthcare rights, education, and benefits outreach which include Free Testing for STDs/HIV/AIDS, Sexual Health and Hygiene Education, Mental Health and Psychiatry Outreach,
- Expansive legal and immigrant services for those at risk of deportation
- Access to digital literacy programs

Our findings additionally indicate that the same percentage of community based organizations have analyzed that current levels of public funding cannot comprehensively address these emerging needs of community members and require further investment.

Addressing Emerging Community Needs

AAAPI communities have been some of the most deeply affected by austerity budgets and divisive fiscal policy. The emerging needs of our most marginalized and impacted community members must not only be identified, but must also be met with proactive and holistic solutions. As so, Community Based Organizations are advocating for inclusivity in the New York City Budget in order to address emerging needs by creating and implementing the following programs:

- Sustain current counseling and youth centers, and establish new centers to expand direct service outreach
- Establish help and information desks to ensure communities can navigate and utilize resources
- Professional Development Trainings on AAPI Heritage and History
- Exponentially increase the capacity and hire staff to conduct constituent and client casework
- Small Business, Civic Engagement, and Insurance Navigator Workshops
- Create Emergency and Asian Produce Pantries to address cultural food insecurity
- Hire immigration attorneys and paralegals
- Create women centered entrepreneurial and skills development workshops
- Conduct high school and college preparedness classes for students
- Support establishing tenant coalitions, homeowner associations, housing navigation teams, and merchant associations to build community power
- Cultivate existing arts and creative programs that bridge holistic development and wellbeing with social services



Analyzing the Need for Fiscal Contract Inclusivity

Around 88% of community based organizations who responded have noted the need to secure and expand to new contracts provided by other discretionary funding streams that can support intersectional direct services for their communities in which they are not already contracted. Our evaluation reaffirms the historic isolation of AAPI community based organizations to access public dollars, and that there is a dangerous status quo of exclusivity that hinders providers from building a diversified funding portfolio.

Our findings indicate that around 30% of community based organizations have identified the need to expand their portfolio of direct services into funding initiatives that will invest in:

- **Borough Wide Needs**
- **Community Safety and Victim Services**
- **Housing Services**
- **Small Business Services and Workforce Development**
- **Senior Services**
- **Immigrant Services**
- **Legal Services**

More than 40% of community based organizations identified an immediate need to fund Education Services, Food Services, Anti Poverty Initiatives, and Mental Health Services.

AAPI Community Based Organizations experience funding disparities where concentrations of funding are centered around targeted initiatives and funding streams, but isolated from other initiatives such as Legal Services, Housing, and Small Business and Workforce Development.

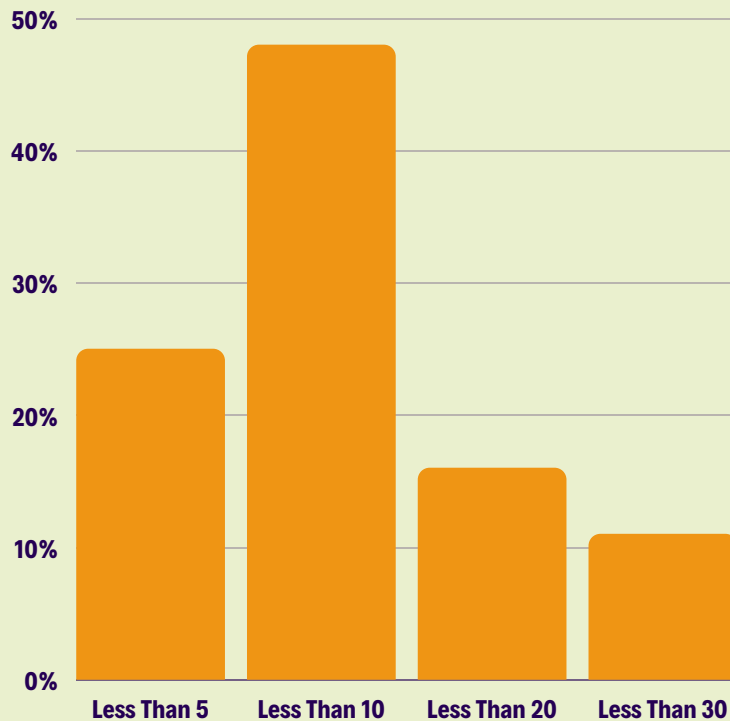
Additionally, historic isolation from public dollars and emerging trends in population shifts across ethnic enclaves have created pockets of vulnerability whereas emerging communities such as the Tibetan, Thai, Indonesian, and Malaysian communities do not have equitable access to fiscal resources to mitigate broad social service and community development gaps per capita.

As the growth of our diaspora exponentially increases, fiscal equity that far reaches the needs of our communities must be addressed.

Operational Capacity of Providers

AAPI community based organizations employ thousands of staff and coordinate volunteers in even greater numbers to ensure the needs of communities are met. Providers of the AAPI Community Support Initiative are capable of hiring staff to specifically support executing programs and services as outlined by their contract.

The following chart visualizes the distribution of paid staff amongst funded by the initiative:



AAPI Community Based Organizations and Providers work diligently to center care and safety amongst the community. Our most marginalized community members are too often left vulnerable, isolated, and marginalized in a system that does not prioritize holistic well being.

Providers across the diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander Diaspora are able to open, manage, and successfully close tens of thousands of constituent and client cases that disrupt institutional pathways and pipelines that lead to negative outcomes such as poverty, incarceration, deportation, displacement, unjust discharges, health instability, and cycles of violence.

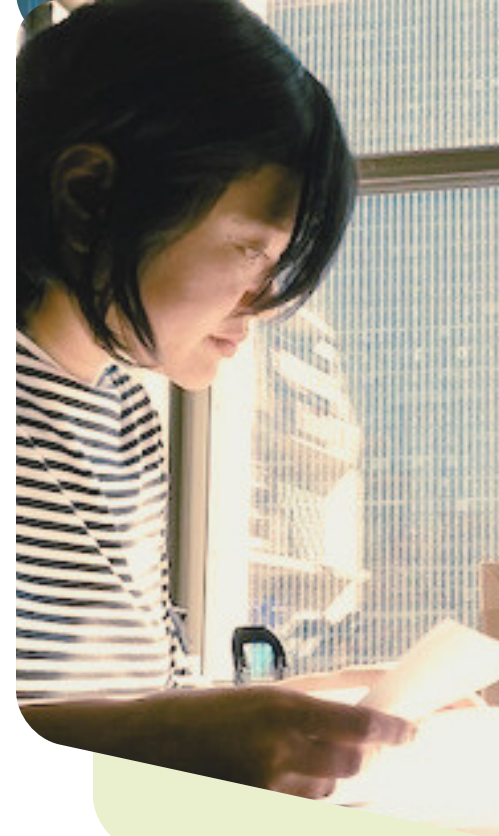
About 70% of AAPI Community Based Organizations were able to close 85% of all client cases that ranged from diverse issue areas such as housing, legal, health, youth, small business, domestic violence intervention, and more.

The Provision of Outreach and Educational Programs

AAPI Community Based Organizations execute education and outreach programs to the community to address wide areas of community needs. These programs cultivate growth and center progress in sectors such as community development, holistic wellbeing, civic education and engagement, social benefits and entitlements. All programs are delivered through services rooted in racial literacy, holistic support, healing focused, and community based well-being.

The deliverable of these education and outreach programs revolved around the execution of:

- Voter Engagement and Outreach
- Nutrition and Cooking Workshops
- Higher Education Readiness Forums
- Candidate Forums
- Coordinated Response Rallies
- Digital Campaigns Against Anti-Asian Hate
- Parenting Support Groups
- Bystander and Situational Awareness Trainings
- Safety Walks
- Health Benefits and Enrollment Services
- Civil Rights Workshops
- Family and Health Fairs
- Gender and Identity Re-Affirming Conferences and Community Groups
- Movement Based Workshops Centered On The Arts
- Reproductive Justice and Sexual Health Programs
- Immigration Rights Workshops
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Small Business Resource Desk



Establishing New Programs and Direct Services within Fiscal Year 2023

AAPI Community Based Organizations bridge human centered care and the immediate needs of marginalized communities through the culturally responsive services and programs that are cultivated to address historic disparities and root higher qualities of life for impacted communities.

By being direct service providers of the AAPI Community Support Initiative, new programs, initiatives, and services have been created and implemented to address the growing needs of our diverse communities.

- Establishing youth and counseling centers
- Black and Asian solidarity programs through creative arts
- In–Language parent support groups for mothers
- Establish smoke cessation and public health education workshops
- Expand media and storytelling opportunities for AAPI history and heritage
- Establish geographic satellite offices
- Holistic creative arts and infographic projects
- Food and Hygiene Distributions
- Hiring immigrant legal justice caseworkers and attorneys
- Creating civil rights and civic engagement workshops
- Hire consultants to build capacity and execute project based deliverables
- Expand capacity for after school and tutoring classes
- Establish digital literacy and ESL classes
- Establish mental health education workshops and resources
- Establish healing hubs centered on racial justice and identity
- Asian diasporic solidarity and cultural events
- Expand entitlement benefits coordination and case management capacity
- Revitalize older adult and community centers
- Host professional and youth job fairs
- Cultivate economic empowerment initiatives that bridge professional certification opportunities and students

Experiences During The Contracting, Reimbursement, and Reporting Process

AAPI Community Based Organizations face a number of challenges in executing the contracting and reporting process. For many providers, specifically medium to larger sized operations, accustomed to the processes and realms of contracting, the contracting process take a significantly lesser toll as compared to newly established city providers.

However, for emerging communities and smaller nonprofits that are eligible for contracting, current systems are severely inadequate and does not provide supportive or strong infrastructure. These challenges have increasingly disrupted the provision of direct services and has exacerbated the financial liability of providers by baring the burden of advancing the cost of services to providers.

A survey of responses have identified the following challenges experienced by contract providers:

- Delays in contract registration
- Delays in the provision of the contract
- Delays in reimbursement of dollars for prior fiscal years
- Lack of transparency on the current status of their contract
- Severe lack of communication between agency and providers
- Unclear and confusing instructions
- Insufficient outreach on reporting deadlines and untimely reporting requests

Providers have historically mediated these issues by communicating with the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families to advocate for contractual support and agency relationship development.



Hear From 18% and Growing Members

“For the Arab–American Family Support Center, the AAPI Community Support Initiative continues to prove essential as we respond to the staggering rise in hate crimes against AAPI communities, work diligently to mitigate the disproportionate impact of the COVID–19 pandemic and uneven recovery across communities, and scale programs to meet the specific needs of AAPI communities. We thank you for your leadership and forward thinking in establishing this funding stream and we hope we can count on your ongoing support.”

**Jordan Smith, Senior Director of Resource Development
Arab–American Family Support Center**

“Funding from the AAPI Community Support Initiative allowed Caribbean Equality Project to sustain health services and a 3–year running Food Justice program to continue providing access to culturally responsive groceries and fresh produce to low–income and undocumented Afro and Indo–Caribbean LGBTQ+ people, immigrant families, seniors, and single–parent households. The resource also facilitated the launch of the organization’s Queeribbean Crossings conference, which focused on cross–racial solidarity and healing and on confronting gendered and racialized violence. This investment builds historically marginalized communities to be resilient, many of whom continue to experience health disparities and lack immigration services and safety in New York City. “

**Mohamed Q. Amin, Founder and Executive Director
Caribbean Equality Project**

“This funding is extremely critical to support the AAPI Community works in our communities to help address hate, lift up data and stories about the impact of multiple crises, and offer tangible access points to report hate incidents and ways to help victims and communities recover. The degree of collaborations over the past months during this unprecedented time has been acknowledged and fulfilled. Recognizing this tremendous growth and the unique needs within AAPI communities, it is imperative to recognize that all our efforts to support our AAPI community goes hand in hand with supporting all who are impacted by these imperfect systems. UCA will continue our work and commitment to elevate AAPI voices and increase AAPI representation in federal programs, where AAPIs remain underserved.”

**Ansen Tang, President
United Chinese Association of Brooklyn, Inc.**

“The AAPI Community Support enabled us to conduct an in-language media campaign utilizing major AAPI publications in Queens to promote health services. Targeted communities included Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Nepali, Indian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Thai and Tibetan—communities that tend to have the least access to healthcare services due to language barriers. It also strengthened our relationships with key API grassroots organizations, which allowed us to address often neglected social determinants of health, e.g., bias and discrimination against AAPIs.”

**Josefina Atienza, Grants Writer
Apicha Community Health Center**

“The AAPI Community Support Initiative has been a beacon of positive change, empowering both organizations and communities alike. Its unwavering dedication has sparked a ripple effect of transformation, fostering unity, strength, and resilience within the AAPI community. “

**Jagjit Laur, Senior Manager
United Sikhs**

“JASSI is able to continue to provide an array of social services to the Japanese community in the New York Tri-State area. This constituency, consisting of many non-English-speaking Japanese individuals, did not have access to such services due to language and/or cultural barriers and a reluctance to deal with an unfamiliar bureaucracy.

**Tomoko Hirano, Office Manager
Japanese American Social Services, Inc.**

“The AAPI Community Support Initiative has provided needed funding to help us expand our education and outreach to the community, as well as provide needed services for health issues that uniquely impact AAPI community members in NYC, such as persistently high smoking rates and disproportionately high hepatitis B prevalence.”

**Naumi Feldman, Director of Population Health
Charles B. Wang Community Health Center**