

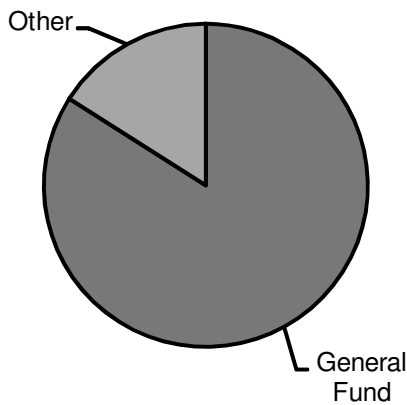
Agency Purpose

The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans (CAPM) was created by the Minnesota 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, ensure 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 other sectors of the community.

At a Glance

- *Serve a growing Asian American and Pacific Islander population of 210,000, an increase of 25% from the 2000 census.*
 - About 85% of the community is concentrated within the metropolitan area, and about 55% of the community has a refugee background.
- *Advocate for community development through trainings and advocacy efforts reaching 4,000 people.*
 - Efforts include coordinating the annual Asian-Pacific Day at the capitol, supporting advocacy and leadership training, and sponsoring a council and leadership retreat for youth.
- *Advise the governor, members of the legislature and other policy makers through reports and forums reaching 6,000 people.*
 - Topics include dropout prevention, health disparities, and economic vitality.
- *Enhance communication and understanding between the Asian-Pacific community and others through education and outreach projects reaching 40,000 people.*

Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Fund



Source: Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS).

Strategies

On behalf of the Asian-Pacific 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 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 community conveys an urgent need for solutions.

Operations

The CAPM consists of 23 members, 19 of whom are appointed by the governor and represent various sections 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, 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 & Measures

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 established the following key activities:

- Continue to be a credible and trusted voice for the Asian American and Pacific Islanders community
- Advocate for community development
- Broker education and outreach opportunities for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and other sectors of the community

The key goals and measures to remain a credible and trusted voice on issues pertaining to the Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) community include:

- Partner with the Department of Education and school districts that have high percentages of AAPI 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
- Partner with the Department of Human Services, other state agencies, counties and non-profits to increase the participation of AAPI in Minnesota's workforce. Goals include:
 - 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, with a key goal of decreasing the poverty rate for Hmong families, which is at 33% compared to 9% for all Minnesotans.
- Partner with the Minnesota Fair Housing Agency and others to increase the homeownership rate of the AAPI community and address issues of fair housing and foreclosure. Key activities include:
 - Collecting and disseminating homeownership data and trends for AAPI community
 - Increasing AAPI access to loans and homeownership programs
- Partner with community non-profits to decrease number of AAPI home foreclosures

The key goals and measures related to advocacy for community development are:

- Partner with AAPI non-profits and the political parties to engage and increase the number of AAPI registered voters and voting rates
- Partner with community and organizations to educate and inform the AAPI community about the political and electoral process
- Conduct advocacy training and host the Asian American and Pacific Islander Day at the capitol
- Conduct leadership training and retreats for adults and youth focusing on leadership development and capacity building regarding civic engagement and leadership

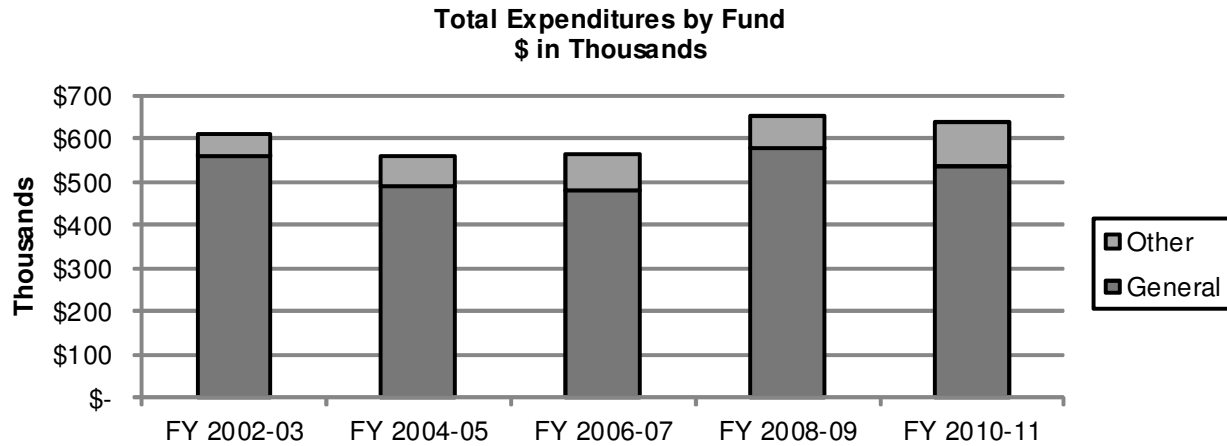
The key goals and measures related to brokering education and outreach opportunities include:

- Recognize Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for the contributions they make to this state via the annual presentation of the AAPI Leadership Awards

- Provide resources for communities to commemorate May as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month
- Partner with others to create opportunities that will educate and highlight the contributions and successes of Asian American youth and adults
- Provide educational and outreach materials on the key demographics and make-up of the community

Budget Trends

The FY 2010 – 2011 budget includes \$537,000 from the General Fund. Of that funding, 90% supports three FTEs, 9% provides operational support, and 1% supports heritage month activities and other services.



Source data for the previous chart is the Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS) as of 09/24/2010.

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