

AT A GLANCE

The Council represents a diverse community estimated to be about 357,000 Asians¹ and 9,000 Pacific Islanders² descended from more than 40 nations including India, China, the Philippines, Laos, and Burma. The Council works for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality of Asian Pacific Minnesotans through engagement with the governor and his cabinet agencies, the Legislature, other government agencies, and Asian Pacific organizations and community members.

The Council is composed of 11 community members appointed by the governor and four members appointed by legislative leaders. The Council must include representatives from the five largest Asian Pacific Minnesotan ancestries in addition to six at-large community board members; no one ancestry group can have more than one representative on the Council.

The following are the ten largest Asian Pacific ethnic populations in Minnesota:¹

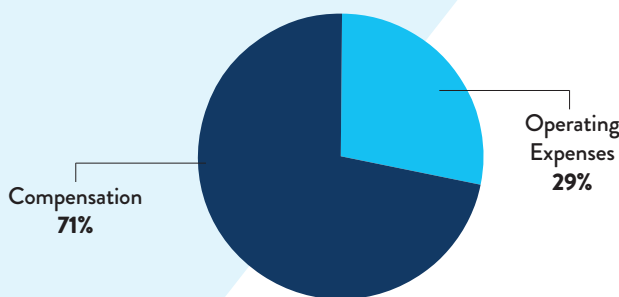
- Hmong – 97,741
- Asian Indian – 53,003
- Chinese – 40,623
- Vietnamese – 34,210
- Korean – 25,104
- Filipino – 25,050
- Burmese – 15,237
- Lao – 13,072
- Japanese – 11,891
- Cambodian – 10,101

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0145, the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans is an executive branch agency tasked with the responsibility of working for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality of Asian Pacific Minnesotans. Our primary customers are the Governor, the legislature, state agencies, and Asian Pacific organizations and community members. The Council’s key priorities include advising, advocating, and facilitating engagement on behalf of Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

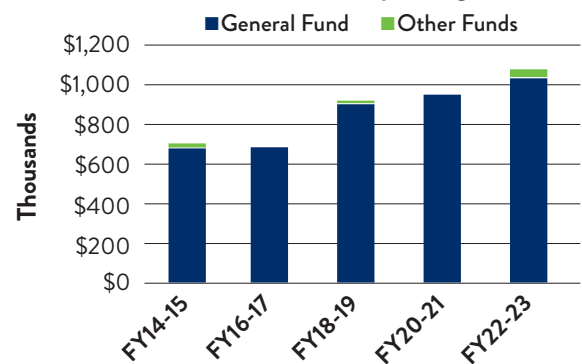
BUDGET

Spending by Program
FY 2023 Actual



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The majority of the Council’s budget is funded through an appropriation from the general fund. The Council also collects fees in a special revenue fund to pay for the Council’s biannual Asian Pacific Minnesotans Leadership Awards Dinner.

¹U.S. Census Bureau. (2022). Asian Alone or in Any Combination by Selected Groups. *American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B02018*. Retrieved August 12, 2024, from <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST5Y2022.B02018?q=B02018&g=040XX00US27>.

²U.S. Census Bureau. (2022). Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone or in Any Combination by Selected Groups. *American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B02019*. Retrieved August 12, 2024, from <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST5Y2022.B02019?q=b02019&g=040XX00US27>.

STRATEGIES

The Council utilizes several strategies to deliver on its mission:

- Research and Information Analysis – Develop and publish original research reports for use by decision makers and community members
- Policy Advisory and Advocacy – Provide quantitative and data-driven advice to policy makers
- Community Outreach – Identify and/or create forums and advocacy trainings to inform and influence public policy
- Facilitation and Coordination – Develop and deploy engagement, inclusion, and recognition activities

RESULTS

The following measurements are used to track the Council’s performance in implementing its strategies:

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Publication of Original Research Reports	Quantity	A research project we are undertaking, on a topic which has received little to no attention qualifies as an original research project.	Original research is an expensive and time-consuming endeavor. Depending on the priorities placed before our research staff, we have had very little to no capacity to begin new and resource-demanding original research on the issues of importance to our communities.	N/A
Legislative Activities During the Session	Quantity	These activities/actions include calling on community leaders to testify and helping them with crafting their testimonies; submitting letters of support or opposition to committees; our roles on specific legislative proposals and the meetings we convene on these efforts; etc.	Depending on staff capacity, whether it’s a budget or bonding session, and community priorities, our activities will vary from year to year.	80
Attendance at Cultural Events and Community-led Meetings	Quantity	These activities/actions include Council staff speaking at these events, assisting with finding venue and inviting government officials, Council sponsoring events hosted by small emerging communities, etc.	As our communities have grown and become increasingly passionate about retention of culture and language, these events have increased insignificantly. This increase has been especially stark post-COVID.	60
Facilitation and Coordination of Community Engagement and Inclusion Activities	Quality and Quantity	These activities include community-hosted and Council-hosted events whereby the intention from the beginning is to bring as many Asian Pacific ancestry groups to the table given the objectives of an event/gathering.	In the last five years, our diverse Asian Pacific ancestry leaders have adopted and increasingly implemented this practice of being inclusive (via those invited and the talking points of each event).	35/end of event surveys

Legal Authority: Minn. Stat. § 15.0145 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=15.0145>)