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AT A GLANCE

The Council represents a diverse community that as of 2024 is estimated to be about 416,105 Asians[1] and 13,136 Pacific Islanders[2] 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 governed by a Board consisting of 11 community members appointed by the governor, and four members appointed by legislative leaders. The Board must include representatives from the five largest Asian Pacific Minnesotan ancestry communities by in-state population in addition to six at-large community board members; no one ancestry group can have more than one representative on the Board.

The following are the ten largest Asian Pacific ethnic populations in Minnesota:[3]

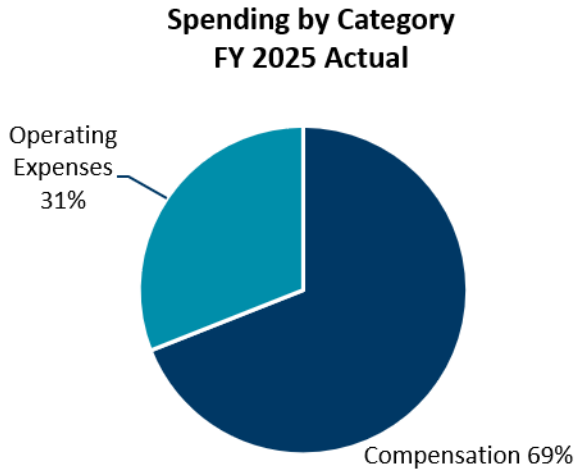
- Hmong – 111,741
- Asian Indian – 50,093
- Chinese – 48,592
- Korean – 31,615
- Vietnamese – 31,155
- Filipino – 28,388
- Burmese – 17,584
- Japanese – 15,270
- Lao – 11,398
- Cambodian – 10,447

PURPOSE

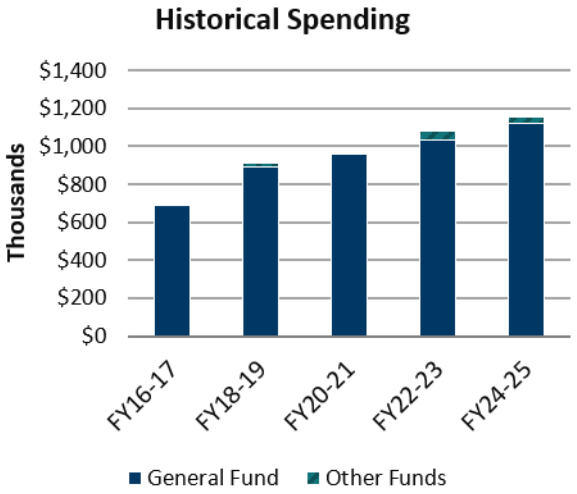
Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0145 (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/15.0145), the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans is a non-cabinet executive branch agency tasked with the responsibility of working for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality of Asian Pacific Minnesotans. Our primary customers are the governor and his cabinet agencies, the Legislature, local and state government offices, and Asian Pacific organizations and community members. The Council's key priorities include advising, advocating, and facilitating engagement on behalf of Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

[1] U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for Minnesota: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2025 (SC-EST2025-SR11H-27), https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/2020s-state-detail.html.
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[3] U.S. Census Bureau. "Asian Alone or in Any Combination by Selected Groups." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B02018, https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT1Y2024.B02018?q=b02018&g=040XX00US27.

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

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 biennial Asian Pacific Minnesotans Leadership Awards Dinner.

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 legislators, the Governor, and executive branch agencies, attend and testify before legislative committees, meet with legislators, and convene community members for advocacy and educational purposes.
- Community Outreach – Participate in community events, including speaking roles in the program and staffing government dignitaries, and attendance for relationship building and intelligence gathering purposes.
- Facilitation and Coordination – Develop and deploy engagement, inclusion, and recognition activities, including lending capacity for planning and strategic direction for events, and hosting forums and advocacy trainings with community to inform and influence their role in shaping public policy.

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

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

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Publication of Original Research Reports	Quality	Research projects undertaken by the Council on topics which directly affect or are related to the Asian Pacific Minnesotan community.	The Council commits substantial resources to conducting a biennial community priorities survey and report. In recent years, staffing limitations have restricted the Council's capacity to undertake additional research projects.	1
Legislative Activities	Quantity	Track pertinent legislation; engage community leaders about relevant bills and assist with testifying and submitting letters of support or opposition; draft legislation with community leaders and Revisor's Office; meet with legislators/executive branch agencies; host session recap; etc.	Staff capacity, legislative cycle, federal policies, and/or international current events impact on our priority activities from year to year.	80 bills and direct legislative activities; 80 in 2024
Attendance at Cultural Events and Community-led Meetings	Quantity	Gather first-hand qualitative data on the state of Asian Pacific Minnesotans and identify needs or opportunities.	These events have increased significantly post-COVID.	80; 60 in 2024; 40 in 2022; 25 in 2021
Facilitation and Coordination of Community Engagement and Inclusion Activities	Quality and Quantity	Assist with planning non-Council community events; liaise with government officials on community priorities; speak at events; conduct advocacy trainings with community; host policy forums; etc.	Since COVID the Council has heavily supported events hosted by less-established communities and facilitated events intended for Pan-Asian audiences. There is growing demand for advocacy trainings.	20

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0145 (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/15.0145), the Council is an advisory agency and does not provide direct services to its constituent communities. There are no programs or services using evidence-based practices implemented by the Council.

Legal Authority: Minn. Stat. § 15.0145 (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/15.0145) provides the legal authority for the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans.