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Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans

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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.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Asian American community is the fastest growing minority population in the nation. In Minnesota, the Asian Pacific population grew from 4.8% in 2012 to 6.3% in 2022.^{3,4}

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.

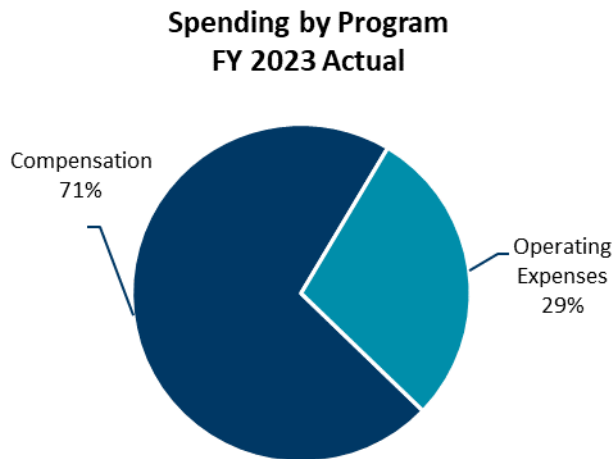
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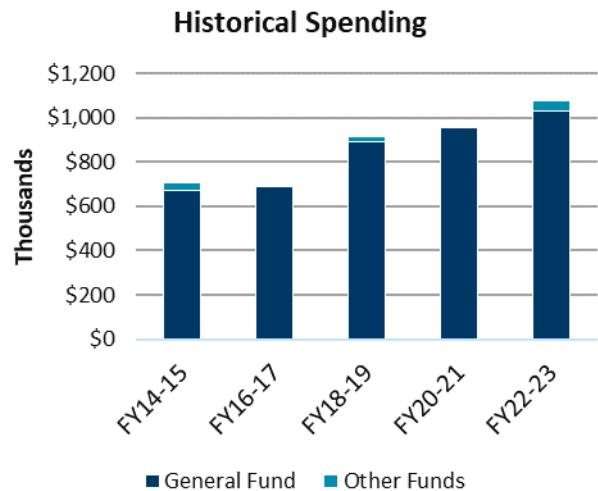
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BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



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 help pay for events held by the Council.

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 Member 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
<i>Publication of Original Research Reports</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	A research project we are undertaking, on a topic which has received little to no attention qualifies as an original research project.	<i>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.</i>	<i>N/A.</i>

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
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>) provides the legal authority for the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27

Expenditures by Fund

1000 - General	508	523	477	791	646	646	655	665
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue		16	3	25	25	25	25	25
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue		6		20	20	20	20	20
2403 - Gift		25		41		41		41
Total	508	570	480	877	691	732	700	751
Biennial Change				279		66		94
Biennial % Change				26		5		7
Governor's Change from Base								28
Governor's % Change from Base								2

Expenditures by Program

Asian Pacific Council	508	570	480	877	691	732	700	751
Total	508	570	480	877	691	732	700	751

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	409	407	341	464	466	473	475	492
Operating Expenses	99	164	139	413	225	259	225	259
Total	508	570	480	877	691	732	700	751

Full-Time Equivalents

3.97	4.07	3.14	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		22		146				
Direct Appropriation	525	534	623	645	646	646	655	665
Cancellations		33						
Balance Forward Out	17		146					
Expenditures	508	523	477	791	646	646	655	665
Biennial Change in Expenditures				237		24		52
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				23		2		4
Governor's Change from Base								28
Governor's % Change from Base								2
Full-Time Equivalents	3.97	4.07	3.10	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In			3					
Receipts	19			25	25	25	25	25
Balance Forward Out	3							
Expenditures	16	3	25	25	25	25	25	25
Biennial Change in Expenditures				12		22		22
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						79		79
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents			0.04					

2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Receipts	6		20		20	20	20	20
Expenditures	6	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Biennial Change in Expenditures				15		20		20
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	0	0	0					
Receipts		25	0	41		41		41

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
Balance Forward Out	0	0	0					
Expenditures		25		41		41		41
Biennial Change in Expenditures				16		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2025 Appropriations	645	645	645	1,290
Base Adjustments				
Minnesota Paid Leave Allocation		1	1	2
Forecast Base	645	646	646	1,292
Change Items				
Operating Adjustment		9	19	28
Total Governor's Recommendations	645	655	665	1,320
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	25	25	25	50
Forecast Base	25	25	25	50
Total Governor's Recommendations	25	25	25	50
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	20	20	20	40
Forecast Base	20	20	20	40
Total Governor's Recommendations	20	20	20	40
Fund: 2403 - Gift				
Planned Spending	41		41	41
Forecast Base	41		41	41
Total Governor's Recommendations	41		41	41
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	25	25	25	50
Total Governor's Recommendations	25	25	25	50
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	20	20	20	40
Total Governor's Recommendations	20	20	20	40
Fund: 2403 - Gift				
Forecast Revenues	41		41	41

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Total Governor's Recommendations	41		41	41

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FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund				
Expenditures	9	19	19	19
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	9	19	19	19
FTEs	0	0	0	0

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding of \$9,000 in FY 2026 and \$19,000 in each subsequent year from the general fund to help address operating cost increases at the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

Rationale/Background:

The cost of operations rises each year due to increases in employer-paid health care contributions, FICA and Medicare, along with other salary and compensation-related costs. Other operating costs, like rent and lease, fuel and utilities, and IT and legal services also grow. This cost growth puts pressure on agency operating budgets that remain flat year to year.

Agencies face challenging decisions to manage these rising costs within existing budgets, while maintaining the services Minnesotans expect. From year to year, agencies find ways to become more efficient with existing resources. For FY 2026-27, agencies will need to continue to find additional efficiencies and leverage management tools to help address budget pressures. Holding open vacancies in certain programs or delaying hiring in other programs are examples of ways agencies manage through constrained operating budgets. Such decisions are difficult and must be weighed against a program's ability to conduct business with less staffing and its impact to service delivery.

This recommendation provides additional resources to help address these cost pressures and pay for agency operations.

Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agency operating budgets to support current services. For the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, this funding will help cover expected growth in employee compensation and insurance, IT services, and other operating costs.

Dollars in Thousands

Net Impact by Fund	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
General Fund	9	19	28	19	19	38
Total All Funds	9	19	28	19	19	38

Fund	Component Description	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
GF	Operating Costs	9	19	28	19	19	38

Results:

This recommendation is intended to help the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans address rising cost pressures and mitigate impacts to current levels of service and information to the public.