



# Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission

FY 2018 Budget Update

October 17, 2017



## Objective

The Business Workgroup will provide an update on the FY 2018 City of Austin budget, including the status of our funding requests and other budget items of interest.

## Summary

The funding of specific items from the FY 2018 AAQoL Advisory Commission budget recommendations occurred as budget amendments from the Dias.

The following slides cover our ten original recommended items. Each slide shows the funding result and identifies ongoing vs. one-time funding.

## Item #1 – Health Equity Contract

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<p><b>Health Equity Contract</b> – For services to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) individuals affected by domestic or sexual violence. Mainstream providers don't have the cultural and linguistic sensitivity to serve the AAPI Community. One-time funding of \$75,000 in FY 2017. Requested amount reflects continued funding for one advocate in an Economic Empowerment Program.</p>	APH	-	\$85,000

**Result: Not funded**

## Item #2 – Community Health Navigator Program

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<p><b>Community Health Navigator (CHN) Program</b> – Links Korean, Vietnamese, and Burmese residents to health-related services and benefits. 92 clients were served in the first six months of 2017, already exceeding the annual goal of 75 clients, with significant increases in client knowledge and self-sufficiency. The FY 2018 funding would increase program staff hours for employees, including benefits (one full-time Program Manager), one full-time Navigator, two 30-hour/week Navigators, technology, training, classes, and translation services, and \$1,8000 to fund direct services for clients. One-time funding of \$137,775 was provided for CHN in FY 2017.</p>	HHSD	-	\$316,328

**Result: Partially funded at \$155,000 (one-time)**

## Item #3 – Asian Chamber

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<b>Enhance business development opportunities through the Asian Chamber</b> – Funding is requested to achieve parity with other minority business chambers. As a result of high demand and visibility, the Greater Austin Asian Chamber has more than tripled their monthly activity goal in the first five months of 2017.	Eco Dev	-	\$60,000

**Result: Fully funded at \$60,000 (\$19,744 ongoing; \$40,256 one-time)**

## Item #4 – AARC Master Plan

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<p><b>AARC Master Plan update for Phase II and Phase III construction</b>            – Requesting funding to hire a master planner or architect to update the AARC Master Plan for Phase II and Phase II. This work must be completed by early 2018 so that funding for these phases can be included in the 2018 Bond package for voter approval. It will be five years before the next opportunity and the political climate may change by then.</p>	PARD/ AARC	-	\$200,000

**Result: Fully funded at \$200,000 (one-time)**

## Item #5 – Translation Services

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<p><b>Improve availability of translated documents</b> – In 2017, one-time funding of \$250,000 was provided to increase access to translation and interpretation services. CPIO developed staff training and an RFQ for translation services. Some funding was spent to translate documents most in need. In order to continue the Language Access Initiative, funding is needed for a Language Access Coordinator (FTE). The Commission is also recommending that non-profit agencies funded by the City have access to the vendors being identified in the current RFQ process. There would be no budget impact for providing access to the pre-screened vendors and pricing. The non-profit agencies would pay vendors directly.</p>	CPIO	1.0	110,156

**Result:** Fully funded one FTE at \$110,156 in the base budget; additional \$80,000 allocated for additional translation services (ongoing). The new FTE position title is Community Engagement Consultant.

**Note:** CPIO has “rolled over” \$122,300 of our \$250,000 in funding appropriated in the FY 2017 budget for translation and interpretation services an related expenses in FY 2018.

## Item #6 – AARC Facility Services

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<p><b>AARC Facility Services Representative Lead (FTE)</b> – One-time funding was provided in 2017, but no FTE was approved. The position is needed to service the significant increase in use of the facility from 302 reservations/ rentals in 2014 to 552 in 2016. This position supports event logistics, set-up, audio/visual support, and ongoing interface with event organizers. Without this position, AARC would have to limit availability of the facility for reservations/rentals/ classes and reduce evening business hours.</p>	CPIO	1.0	110,156

**Result: Not funded**

## Item #7 – AARC Marketing Rep

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<p><b>AARC Marketing Representative (FTE)</b> – This position works with community groups to promote programs/events (including Senior Meals, ESL, Youth Programs), provide marketing consultation and strategies to reach AAPI populations, develop and evaluate marketing strategies, and serve as a liaison between City Departments/external organizations and the AAPI community. The function is currently provided by temporary staff in a limited way, but consistency and stability is needed to develop strong community relationships and engage underserved populations.</p>	<p>PARD/ AARC</p>	<p>1.0</p>	<p>\$87,141</p>

**Result: Not funded**

## Item #8 – AARC Transportation

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<p><b>AARC Transportation (FTE)</b> – In FY 2017, a passenger van was purchased to augment the rented van. The kitchen was renovated to support expansion of the Senior Meal program. The community is demanding more transportation to pickup seniors in more locations throughout the City of Austin and support future youth programs such as field trips and after school care. FY 2018 request would fund a .75 FTE shuttle driver. Without this position, the AARC is unable to serve more people in these programs.</p>	<p>PARD/ AARC</p>	<p>1.0</p>	<p>\$66,651</p>

**Result: Not funded**

## Item #9 – AARC Nonprofit

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<p><b>AARC Nonprofit Funding</b> – Since the opening of the Asian American Resource Center in the fall of 2013, the AARC Nonprofit has played a key role for the community by advocating for the needs of Asian Americans and has been instrumental in creating the culturally appropriate programming the center is known for, including the Senior Meal Program, ESL classes, computer classes, and securing funding for the commercial kitchen. Additionally, the AARC Nonprofit has worked closely with facility staff to support marketing, cultural protocols, and continued programming at the center. Last year, the Nonprofit expanded its scope to provide direct services for the Asian community and is one of only two organizations in Austin exclusively servicing the Asian population. In order to maintain and grow the agency and continue to be a direct service provider while supporting the AARC facility with responsibilities we have maintained in the past, additional funding is requested.</p>	AARC	-	\$65,000

**Result: Not funded**

## Item #10 – Immigrant Legal Services

Recommendation	Area	FTE	Amount
<p><b>Immigrant Legal Services For Asians</b> – With the current climate on immigration at the state and federal levels, the need for immigrant legal services is more important than ever. With the number of individuals seeking services for deportation defense and consultations on the rise, FY 2018 funding is requested to provide dedicated immigrant legal services to low-income Asians in Austin. The immigrant Asian population in Austin is diverse and has specific language access needs, and, without additional funding, low-income individuals will not be able to access the protection and services they need. Funding in the amount of \$100,000 would allow the city to provide 25 one-on-one consultations a month to Asian immigrants as well as take on full representation of four to six new immigrant cases.</p>	APH	-	\$100,000

**Result: Funded at \$130,000 (\$60,000 ongoing; \$75,000 one-time)**

***Note: Both the Asian American and Hispanic Quality of Life Commissions requested funding. The \$130,000 amount above is the total combined amount for the two requests.***

## Other QoL Funded Items of Interest

- Equity Office: Additional FTE
  - \$100,000 (ongoing)
- Small cultural arts and QOL small organization grants
  - \$75,000 (\$50,000 ongoing; \$25,000 one-time)