



**JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)  
FY23-2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 20230322-012  
HEALTH PRIORITY – APH SUPPLEMENTAL LANGUAGE ACCESS FUNDING**

Date: March 22, 2023

Subject: Joint Endorsement of the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission’s FY23-24 Budget Recommendation 0230321-009: APH Supplemental Language Access Funding (JIC Health Priority)

Motioned by: Commissioner Amy Temperley      Seconded By: Commissioner Raul Alvarez

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ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230321-009

JOINTLY ENDORSED RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON FY23-2024 BUDGET

The Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) collectively endorses the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission’s recommendation that Austin City Council provide additional funds for language access to address gaps in APH’s service provider coverage related to non-native English speakers. There is an expectation that contracted service providers provide services that are linguistically and culturally appropriate. This funding will help keep up with the increasing costs of interpretation and translation services as well as the growing diversity within the communities being served.

For community health workers serving clients with limited English proficiency, it is estimated that up to 50% of their total time and 100% of their client-facing time is dedicated to providing language access services. The Commission suggest that the funding for language access be used to provide supplemental contract dollar amounts to other APH service contracts serving Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) populations that are designed for language access activities, such as translation, interpretation, language line, bilingual pay, etc.

**DEPARTMENT**

Austin Public Health; Communications & Public Information Office

**ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

Health & Environment, Government that Work for All

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 – 0

For: African American Resource Advisory Commission: Gregory Smith  
Commission for Women: Rebecca Austen  
Commission on Aging: Amy Temperley  
Early Childhood Council: Raul Alvarez  
Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life-Resource Advisory Commission: Amanda Afifi  
LGBTQ+ Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Charles Curry  
Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities: Jennifer Powell

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commission on Immigrant Affairs: Juan Vences-Benitez  
Human Rights Commission: Idonna Griffith  
Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Hanna Huang

Attest: Jeremy Garza, Staff Liaison, Equity Office:

x Jeremy Garza