



Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission

FY2024-2025

Draft Budget Recommendations Summary

Item	Title	Dept	Cost/Asks	Summary
20240318-007	AARC Customer & Front Desk Support	PARD	Options: \$65k ongoing for 1 Admin FTE, or \$52k ongoing for .75 Admin PTE + \$20k add'l in temp staffing, or \$72k ongoing for temp office attendants	AARC front desk has been staffed w/ temporary staff or full-time staff w/ other duties for 10 years now. They need a permanent position or more funding to maintain customer service & safety at reception/lobby
20240318-008	AARC Senior Program Language Access	PARD	\$15k ongoing for services - interpretation in Vietnamese & Korean	Of the \$43k budgeted, most is used for Mandarin interpreter being provided for the Chinese seniors. To diversify and expand reach of senior participation, AARC need add'l funds for Vietnamese & Korean language interpretation requests.
20240318-009	AARC Signature Programs	PARD		Preserve and expand the budget for AARC Signature Programs Saved for future recommendation
20240318-010	Data Analyst Associate FTE	Equity Office	\$95,000 ongoing for 1 Data Analyst Associate FTE	Complements the Equity Office work in staying up to date on national data equity trends, assists with data analysis that can provide deeper insight into systematic issues and trends in available City data, and/or consults with other departments



				on data equity models and trends. AAPI Data Equity is a big need and hole in particular in the City
20240318-011	Immigrant Legal Services	APH	<p>Ongoing funding of \$700,000 is to continue services currently being</p> <p>+ a suggested \$100,000 increase to meet community legal needs from the closure of nonprofits serving refugees in our community.</p>	Currently 2 contracts in place for American Gateways and 1 contract in place for Catholic Charities, all of which are set to expire at the end of the current fiscal year. The recent closure of Refugee Services of Texas has further reduced options for legal immigration assistance available in the community for refugees, many of whom are from Asian and Middle Eastern countries.
20240318-012	AAPI Mental Health	APH	<p>\$100k ongoing for AAPI Mental & Behavioral Health Direct Services</p> <p>\$20k one-time Asian Behavioral Health Network</p>	2020 grant for API Mental Health was \$150k and awarded to YWCA (50k) and NAUHC (100k). NAUHC closed and Hope Project received the 100k in 2023 but for case management instead of API Mental Health. Rec asks for \$100k added back to API Mental Health & one-time \$20k for ABHN admin & management
20240318-013	AAPI Social Services Case Management	APH	\$150k one-time for AAPI Case Management	Hope Project Clinic has 100k grant that is expiring which was reallocated from API Mental Health grant. This amount is adjusted to a 150k request to account for the additional time needed for doing case



				management with interpretation services for vulnerable AAPI communities
20240318-014	AAPI Community Health Navigators	APH	<p>\$850k ongoing to sustain AAPI community CHNs that is currently funded</p> <p>\$150k one-time funding for CHNs providing a new Asian language support not currently avail</p>	<p>2 contracts for CHN services for vulnerable AAPI groups including Burmese, Korean, Nepali, Vietnamese, Syrian, Iraqi, and other Arabic-speaking are about to expire.</p> <p>CHN services in these languages are not available from any other agencies or non-profits in the Austin area. The loss or gap in the continuation of these contracts or their replacements would have a detrimental effect in the health inequities for the most vulnerable pockets of the local Asian American community.</p> <p>Pandemic 1-time funding of 150k was lost in 2022 that led to loss of some CHNs including those for Mandarin speaking communities.</p>
20240318-015	We All Belong Austin	CPIO	\$350k one-time program & campaign funding	<p>Rise in hate crimes since 2020 to many communities has led to increases in Anti-Asian hate among other hate-related violence that targets communities disproportionately for their race, ethnicity, or religion. We Belong Austin campaign was created by the city after 2021 and received one-time funding for FY2023-2024.</p>