

Agency Purpose

The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans ('Council' or 'CAPM') was created by the Minnesota State Legislature in 1985 to fulfill the following primary objectives: advise the governor and state legislators on issues pertaining to Asian Pacific people; ensure Asian Pacific Minnesotans are more incorporated and engaged in the governmental and policymaking process; see that residents of Asian Pacific descent have sufficient access to state government services; promote the talents and resources of Asian Pacific people where appropriate; and act as a broker between the Asian Pacific community in Minnesota and mainstream society.

Serving as a conduit to state government for Asian Pacific organizations and individuals, the Council recommends legislation to the governor and state legislature designed to improve the economic and social condition of all Asian Pacific Minnesotans. Furthermore, the Council may provide comment and/or recommendations regarding any application for federal funds submitted by state departments or agencies that stand to impact programs pertinent to Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

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Core Functions

On behalf of this population, the Council plays the role of advisor, advocate, and broker. In these capacities, it deals with problems unique to non-English speaking immigrants and refugees; administrative and legislative barriers blocking Asian-Pacific people's access to benefits and services; opportunities for affordable housing and health care; and taking appropriate measures to increase Asian Pacific peoples' level of preparedness for, and overall presence in, the state's ever-evolving workforce.

The Council may perform its own research or contract for studies to be conducted for use in developing policy recommendations intended to benefit the Asian Pacific community. Areas of focus may include education, workforce development, human rights, mental health, affordable housing, economic development, violence prevention/intervention, immigration and refugee issues, social welfare, or any other timely subject matter. For a more thorough understanding of these issues or to facilitate a community dialogue, the Council frequently hosts roundtable discussions, forums, and workshops. It also convenes workgroups, taskforces, and special committees focusing on issues of particular importance — issues that require more detailed examination or ones where the need for solutions is conveyed with a sense of urgency by the community.

Operations

The CAPM consists of 23 members, 19 of whom are appointed by the governor and represent a broad cross section of the Asian-Pacific community. In addition, two members of the house of representatives and two members of the senate are appointed under the rules of their respective bodies. They serve as non-voting members. The Council maintains a staff of four under the leadership of the executive director.

The council serves individuals and ethnic groups from over 40 countries, including Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Federated States of Midway Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Hawaii's, Hong Kong, India,

At A Glance

The number of Asians and Pacific Islanders has more than doubled from 1990 through 2005, rising from about 78,000 to about 178,000. An additional 16,000 people said they were part Asian or Pacific Islander. When those mixed-race people are apportioned among their races, the Asian population grew 128%.

◆ <u>Statewide Population</u>	178,000	3.6%
Hennepin County	69,003	6.2%
Ramsey County	52,313	10.2%
Dakota County	17,127	4.2%
Anoka County	11,962	4.1%
Washington County	9,295	4.2%

◆ Refugee Experience Background
 Approximately 55% of the community has a refugee background, meaning having fled their war torn countries due to persecution based on one of the following five criteria: religion, political opinion, membership in a social group, race, or nationality.

◆ <u>Young Community</u>	<u>Average Age</u>
Asian American	24.5
Pacific Islander American	28.9

◆ <u>Students by School District</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Saint Paul	6,516	13,985
Minneapolis	4,028	7,134
Osseo	598	1,705
Rochester	889	1,337
Rosemount	561	1,315

Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos (Hmong and Lao), Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, North Korea, Northern Mariana Islands, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Tahiti, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tibet, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Vietnam.

Budget

FY 2006-07 Budget

\$479,000 General Fund

- ⇒ 75% of General Funds support approximately four full-time employees.
- ⇒ 25% of General Funds provide operational support.
- ⇒ 5% of all funds support Asian Pacific American Heritage Month activities and/or special events and services.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	239	240	240	240	480
Forecast Base	239	240	240	240	480
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					0.2%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	243	240	240	240	480
Statutory Appropriations					
Misc Special Revenue	13	13	13	14	27
Gift	24	17	18	18	36
Total	280	270	271	272	543
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	230	211	212	212	424
Other Operating Expenses	50	59	59	60	119
Total	280	270	271	272	543
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Cncl Asian Pacific	280	270	271	272	543
Total	280	270	271	272	543
 Full-Time Equivalentents (FTE)					
	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.1	

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Other Revenues:					
Misc Special Revenue	13	13	13	14	27
Gift	20	20	20	20	40
Total Dedicated Receipts	33	33	33	34	67
Agency Total Revenue	33	33	33	34	67