



## FAQs for AAPI Community Resilience Fund

### Questions Regarding Organizational Eligibility

**Question: Is my organization still eligible for this grant if we serve some clients who are not AAPI?**

Answer: Organizations serving a multi-racial constituency are highly encouraged to apply, as long as low income AAPIs remain a significant portion of the community served.

**Question: I understand that we do not need to be a member to apply for this opportunity. But what if we don't have a pre-existing relationship with National CAPACD at all – who can we speak with to determine if there is organizational alignment?**

Answer: You can find out more about us by looking at our [Strategic Plan](#). If you still have questions after that about whether or not your organization's values and priorities align with National CAPACD's, please reach out to [rfp@nationalcapacd.org](mailto:rfp@nationalcapacd.org).

**Question: My organization provides counseling, case management and/or financial relief for low-income tenants and homeowners and/or small businesses and sole proprietors but we do not provide these services in languages other than English. Are we still eligible for the grant?**

Answer: Yes. The intention of this grant is to provide support to organizations that serve the most vulnerable AAPIs that are being excluded by local or federal policies, systems and resources being deployed to address the pandemic. Limited English proficient individuals are only one example of a population that is considered vulnerable. We recognize that there are populations that speak English who face systemic barriers to accessing critical resources and information, for example, low-income members of the Native Hawaiian community or DACA recipients.

**Question: Will my organization's application still be considered if we primarily serve clients who are not in the top 50 MSAs for confirmed COVID-19 cases or top 50 MSAs for AAPIs living in poverty or if we primarily serve clients who do not live in MSAs?**

Answer: All applications will be considered. Our scoring criteria takes into account geographic diversity, awarding bonus points to those in rural areas. Those not in the top 50 MSAs for either confirmed COVID-19 cases or AAPIs living in poverty will also still be considered, though will receive fewer points in the *Geographic Area* scoring category. However, please note that such organizations may be able to increase their total score through other scoring categories, such as *Community Resilience and Vulnerability* or *Organizational Need*.

**Question: If we were awarded during Round 1, will we be eligible to apply for future rounds of funding from the AAPI Community Resilience Fund?**

Answer: Organizations will only be able to receive one grant award from the *AAPI Community Resilience Fund*. National CAPACD seeks to disseminate the limited resources as widely as possible, knowing the need is very great across the country.

**Question: If we did not receive funding in Round 1, can we re-submit for the next round of grants?**

Answer: If you are not awarded in Round 1, your application will automatically be considered for Round 2. You do not need to re-submit another grant application, though you may choose to do so. As of July 2020, National CAPACD is only able to commit to two rounds of funding, though hopes to be able to leverage additional funding for our network.

### Questions Regarding Qualifying Activities and Eligible Expenses

**Question: How do you define displacement?**

Answer: Please go here for our definition of [displacement](#). You can also find this link in our RFP.

**Question: If this is a general operating grant, why are there required qualifying activities? Is this actually a program support grant?**

Answer: This is designed as a general operating grant in order to provide the greatest flexibility to awardees. However, National CAPACD wants to ensure that resources are going toward organizations that have aligned values, as reflected by the types of activities they are conducting to prevent displacement of low-income AAPIs. Thus, we are requiring that all organizations that apply must be implementing at least one qualifying activity.

**Question: If my organization is participating in more than one qualified activity, can we submit more than one application for the Resilience Fund?**

Answer: No. You should indicate on your application all of the qualifying activities that your organization currently conducts. This is not a program support grant, and therefore, different activities do not require different applications.

**Question: If my organization is participating in more than one qualified activity, can we apply for more than \$15,000 as a part of this grant?**

Answer: No. This is not a grant to support a specific program or activity. But again, you must be implementing at least one qualifying activity to demonstrate alignment with National CAPACD's priority of preventing displacement of AAPI communities.

**Question: Will my organization be more likely to receive a grant if we conduct more than one of the qualifying activities?**

Answer: The scoring criteria outlined in the RFP indicates that we will be evaluating applications on a number of factors, including organizational need, geographic representation, etc. Conducting more of the qualifying activities does not mean you will receive a higher score.

**Question: My organization is launching a new program as part of our pandemic relief and recovery efforts. Can this grant be used as seed funding to start that program?**

Answer: This is a general operating grant that can be used at the discretion of the awarded organizations. So long as the applicant organization is already conducting one qualifying activity, the funds may be used for whatever purposes it sees fit to fulfill its mission.

**Question: My organization operates an emergency community relief fund (eg – rent relief or small business relief). Can I use this grant award toward that community relief fund?**

Answer: This is a general operating grant that can be used at the discretion of the awarded organizations. So long as the applicant organization is already conducting a qualifying activity, the funds may be used for whatever purposes it sees fit to fulfill its mission.

### Questions Regarding the Application and Scoring

**Question: The application requires submission of an organizational operating budget for 2020. What if my organization's budget has significantly changed from the original 2020 projection due to COVID-19?**

Answer: Please submit a short written explanation of how the budget has changed in addition to your original approved budget. This additional explanation should be a separate attachment and will not be counted toward the page count maximum.

**Question: Where can I look up which MSA(s) are served by my organization?**

Answer: Please go to: [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/geotool/select\\_Geography.odn](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/geotool/select_Geography.odn)

**Question: Where can I find the list of top 50 MSAs for confirmed COVID-19 cases and top 50 MSAs for AAPIs living in poverty?**

Answer: Applicants are not required to enter this information anywhere on the application. National CAPACD has been tracking this information, and will use it for scoring, as indicated in the scoring criteria section of the RFP. However, for applicants who are interested, you can find this information at <https://www.nationalcapacd.org/covid19-response/aapi-demographic-data-for-covid-19-hot-spots/>

**Question: Why are there two different categories of scoring criteria listed? Which scoring criteria will be used to score my organization?**

Answer: We recognize that there are many ways organizations work to prevent displacement, from direct service delivery to broader systems change work. In acknowledgement that the organizations implementing these activities may have significantly different operating capacities, we have created two categories of scoring criteria.

Applicants whose organizations are conducting the following activities will be scored using the *Orgs conducting Outreach & Direct Services* criteria:

- (1) Outreach, Information, and Services in Multiple Languages on Resources and Strategies related to COVID-19 and relief efforts
- (2) In-language counseling, case management and/or financial relief for low-income, LEP tenants and homeowners
- (3) In-language counseling, technical assistance and/or financial relief to small businesses and sole proprietors

Applicants who are conducting the following activities will be scored using the *Orgs conducting Tenant and Neighborhood Organizing* criteria:

- (4) Tenant and neighborhood organizing

Applicants who are conducting activities in both the *Outreach & Direct Services* as well as *Tenant and Neighborhood Organizing* categories will be scored using the *Outreach & Direct Services* criteria.

### Questions Regarding Required Activities for SubGrantees

**Question: What tools are required to track populations served and impact of work?**

Answer: All awardees will be responsible for collecting, analyzing and reporting their own data, using the tools the organization already has in place. National CAPACD will not require use of a specific tool or database for tracking this information, though will require all awardees to submit data in a specific final reporting document, to be provided during contracting.

**Question: Why are there monthly video conferences?**

Answer: National CAPACD is seeking to ease the burden of having to submit written reports by instead asking all awardees to join a monthly video conference call. We seek to use this time for building a learning community and community of support for one another.