



National CAPACD Request for Proposals  
*AAPI Community Resilience Fund: Round I*

RFP Release Date:

Thursday, June 11, 2020

RFP Due Date:

Friday June 26, 2020, 8pm PDT

**1. SUMMARY AND PURPOSE**

The COVID-19 health crisis has dramatically changed the economic and social landscape of our nation, with communities of color particularly hard-hit by the pandemic. Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities in particular have endured the impacts of this pandemic longer than most communities – a direct result of xenophobia and racism.

National CAPACD's network of community-based organizations have risen to the challenge of serving, mobilizing and protecting their communities in many inspiring and innovative ways. In acknowledgement of the additional economic strain this work has placed on organizations and communities, National CAPACD has raised funds from philanthropic sources to establish an *AAPI Community Resilience Fund*.

The *AAPI Community Resilience Fund* will provide **general operating support to organizations that prevent [displacement](#) of the most vulnerable AAPIs from their communities in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic**. The fund will be administered in multiple rounds throughout 2020.

Round 1 will award approximately **20 grants of up to \$15,000 each**. Applicant organizations must be implementing **at least one of the following pandemic relief activities** in order to be considered:

- (1) Outreach, Information, and Services in Multiple Languages on Resources and Strategies related to COVID-19 and relief efforts:** to reach the diversity of the AAPI community- using tools such as video, social media, and partnerships with ethnic media.
- (2) In-language counseling, case management and/or financial relief for low-income, LEP tenants and homeowners:** to mitigate economic loss and support increased need for services in areas such as (but not limited to) accessing unemployment and public benefits, navigating mortgage relief, and direct relief to those left out of public support.
- (3) In-language counseling, technical assistance and/or financial relief to small businesses and sole proprietors:** to mitigate economic loss, facilitate access to capital and federal relief programs, and support increased need for services in areas such as (but not limited to) reopening or adapting business models to operate in alignment with social distancing and stay-at-home orders.
- (4) Tenant and neighborhood organizing:** to mobilize tenants and small businesses at-risk of eviction and default for collective action and policy change, organization and management of mutual aid funds, and other community driven strategies to provide relief and mediation as needed.

Although not a required activity, grantees will be highly encouraged to document and report any hate crimes or incidents against AAPIs.

The *AAPI Community Resilience Fund* is made possible with generous support from the JPMorgan Chase Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation and Citi Community Development.

## 2. GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION AND ASKING QUESTIONS

All applications are due by **Friday June 26, 2020 at 8pm PDT** and should be submitted to [RFP@nationalcapacd.org](mailto:RFP@nationalcapacd.org). Applications must be complete, including a narrative and other required supporting documentation, in order to be considered. Applicants that have submitted late or incomplete applications will be notified so that they may re-submit for the next round of funding.

Questions about the RFP should also be submitted to [RFP@nationalcapacd.org](mailto:RFP@nationalcapacd.org). Questions received through other avenues (e.g. - phone calls, emails directed to individual National CAPACD staff) will not receive a direct response and will instead be forwarded on to [RFP@nationalcapacd.org](mailto:RFP@nationalcapacd.org), which will delay the response time to any questions.

## 3. APPLICATION TIMELINE

- RFP released – Thursday June 11, 2020
- RFP deadline – Friday June 26, 2020, 8pm PDT
- Sites selected and notified, contracting begins – week of July 13, 2020

## 4. GRANT PERIOD

Awards from Round 1 will have a grant period of July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

## 5. GRANT AWARD DETAILS

- Round 1 will make a total of \$300,000 available to support up to 20 grants total
- Maximum grant size is \$15,000
- Funds will be awarded as general operating grants

## 6. REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Attendance is required for monthly videoconference calls and any additional orientations or trainings
- Sub-grantee must utilize tools for tracking populations served, impact of work
- Sub-grantee must collect client stories to document impact
- Sub-grantee must submit final report
- Sub-grantee must work closely with National CAPACD to document and disseminate outcomes (if appropriate) with local media, asset building practitioners, federal agencies and elected officials

## 7. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- This RFP is open to all members of National CAPACD's network.
- Applicants are not required to be a member of National CAPACD to respond to Requests for Proposals but are highly encouraged to become member organizations.
- Please refer to National CAPACD's Grant Guidelines PDF under section "General Eligibility Criteria" to see if your organization is able to apply for a grant.

## 8. SELECTION CRITERIA

National CAPACD will use the following **criteria** to score sub-grant applications.

Category	Orgs conducting Outreach & Direct Services	Orgs conducting Tenant and Neighborhood Organizing
<b>Alignment of Relief Efforts with National CAPACD Priorities</b> How is the organization preventing displacement of communities through its pandemic relief activities? How are activities being developed or adapted to serve those at greatest risk of displacement?	30	20
<b>Organizational Need</b> How will this funding be helpful to address the barriers that exist (eg - funding, organizational capacity, technology) to most effectively adapting organizational activities to respond to the pandemic? Priority will go towards organizations and communities who have limited access to funding from government and philanthropic sources.  <u>*BONUS POINTS:</u> Organizations with \$500,000 annual operating budget or less will receive 5 bonus points	25	25
<b>Community Resilience and Vulnerability</b> Who will benefit from your organization's activities? How will funding support communities that are being excluded by local or federal policies, systems and resources being deployed to address the pandemic?	20	30
<b>Geographic Area</b> Automatically scored by National CAPACD taking into account whether organizations are in: Top 50 MSAs for confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 5/1/20 (10pts), Top 50 MSAs for AAPIs living in poverty (5pts)  <u>**BONUS POINTS:</u> To ensure geographic representation, organizations operating in the South, Hawai'i, Pacific Islands, Midwest or serving rural populations will receive 5 points.	15	15
<b>Engagement and Alignment with Coalition Efforts:</b> What has been the organization's commitment and level of engagement with National CAPACD over the past year? If the organization is not currently engaged, what opportunities exist for future engagement?	10	10
<b>*BONUS POINTS: Organizational Need</b>	5	5
<b>**BONUS POINTS: Geographic Representation</b>	5	5
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS (including bonus)</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>

## 9. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application, including narrative
- Organization's operating budget for 2020
- Most recent IRS Form 990 or audited financial statements
- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter or fiscal sponsor agreement with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- A current organization chart