



National CAPACD Request for Proposals *2026 Our Neighborhoods Peer Learning Program*

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1. SUMMARY & PURPOSE

Program Objectives

The National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD), with generous support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, announces the 2026 *Our Neighborhoods* Peer Learning Program. This program fosters a space where participants working in community-based organizations (CBOs) can support one another in advocating against gentrification and displacement of low-income Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AAs and NHPIs). Hosted by National CAPACD's Neighborhood & Place-based team, the program aims to: 1) strengthen the capacity of CBOs to engage in organizing work that prevents/stops displacement and gentrification impacting low-income AA and NHPI communities; and 2) build a peer learning network of organizers who are committed to this work.

Who Should Apply

National CAPACD invites community-based organizations (CBOs) that organize low-income people around the issues of gentrification and displacement in a multiracial community and serve a significant AA and NHPI population to apply.

Building on the success of our anti-displacement community organizing toolkit (available at aapineighborhoods.org), the *Our Neighborhoods* Peer Learning Program supports anti-displacement projects that include, but are not limited to, strategies such as forming tenant associations; organizing constituents to advance affordable housing or community development policies; and engaging communities in community-led planning. National CAPACD is actively seeking applicants who build the leadership of



directly impacted communities to engage in policy change campaigns and democratic processes. (see *Section 8 Selection Criteria* for more information).

Program Information

Program activities will include peer discussions, trainings, and dedicated space to workshop new ideas. Potential topics for the discussions and trainings may include: tenant rights, community development, outreach strategies, grassroots leadership development, and narrative change. Participants may be assigned to small groups based on their organization's issue area to allow for deeper, more nuanced discussions. Participants will also work with a technical assistance provider specializing in tenant organizing and community land trusts.

Participants will be required to:

- Attend a virtual orientation and cohort meetings;
- Present on their organization's work and expertise;
- Arrange a one-on-one session with the technical assistance provider; and
- Participate in an in-person convening (pending COVID-related safety conditions).

Tentative dates are listed in the table below.

Tentative Schedule in 2026

Date	Content	Date	Content	Date	Content
March 31 3-5 p.m. ET	Virtual Orientation	June 2 3-5 p.m. ET	Virtual session	Aug 25 3-5 p.m. ET	Virtual session
April 20 - 23	In-Person Convening	June 23 3-5 p.m. ET	Virtual session	Sept 15 3-5 p.m. ET	Virtual session
May 12 3-5 p.m. ET	Virtual session	July 14 3-5 p.m. ET	Virtual session		

2. GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION AND ASKING QUESTIONS

All applications are due by February 13, 2026, 11:59 p.m. PT and should be submitted [online via National CAPACD's grant portal](#). The Foundant user guide provides detailed information about how to create an account and access the grant portal ([linked here](#)). Applications must be complete in order to be considered; required questions are marked with an asterisk (*). All questions about this grant opportunity should be directed to ourneighborhoods@nationalcapacd.org, and a response will be provided within two business days. Any questions directed to other staff or National CAPACD email accounts will result in a delayed response.

3. APPLICATION TIMELINE

- **RFP released** – January 12, 2026
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- **Acceptance Notifications** – Early March 2026

4. GRANT PERIOD

Awards will have a grant period from April through September 2026.

5. GRANT AWARD DETAILS

National CAPACD anticipates awarding a maximum of 11 grants, each in the amount of \$16,000.

6. REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Attendance is required for all scheduled cohort meetings, including a virtual orientation and one in-person convening. A maximum of two absences, with at least 48 hours' notice, is permitted.
- Subgrantees must submit a final report documenting program activities and learnings.
- Subgrantees may also be asked to:
 - Provide a progress summary on their proposed outputs/outcomes during the grant period.
 - Share learnings through webinars, written documentation, or presentations to external stakeholders.

7. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

To be eligible for this subgrant opportunity, an organization must:

- Have 501(c)(3) status as determined by the IRS **OR** be an organization fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization;
- Conduct work and services in the United States, including territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam;
- Be a community-based organization that advocates for and represents the community it serves, including low-income AA & NHPI communities; and
- Work at the local, state, or regional level to advance policy or systems change.

Organizations that were awarded this subgrant in prior years are welcome to apply for the 2026 *Our Neighborhoods* Peer Learning Program.



8. SELECTION CRITERIA

National CAPACD will use the following **criteria** to score subgrant applications.

Category	Points Awarded
Organizational Background <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The organization's mission is aligned with National CAPACD's mission: National CAPACD advances equity and creates vibrant, healthy neighborhoods by mobilizing and strengthening a powerful coalition of community-based organizations working in low-income Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. (5pts)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ More information on National CAPACD's theory of change can be found here.• The organization has demonstrated commitment and a level of engagement with National CAPACD. (3pts)• The organization is currently a paid member of National CAPACD. (7 pts)	15
Communities Served <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primarily serve low-income communities, including Asian American and/or Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. The proposal demonstrates how underserved geographies will be impacted by the proposed program.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ <i>Note: We are prioritizing under-resourced regions with less access to funding (including the South, Midwest, or Hawaii).</i>• The organization serves communities that have been impacted by gentrification and displacement and builds the leadership of those communities (i.e. leaders from the organization's impacted community are included in the decision-making process around organizational campaigns or program activities).	25
Program Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The organization has a clearly defined base building strategy (i.e. strategy for reaching low-income impacted communities in outreach and program activities).• The proposal demonstrates that the program is building the leadership of low-income communities, including Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and/or Pacific Islander communities, aiming to advocate against gentrification or displacement in the	30



community or neighborhood(s) it serves (i.e. base-building, leadership development, policy campaigns, community-led planning, etc.).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The staff of the program demonstrates a strong connection and commitment to the communities that the organization is serving or trying to reach.	
Proposed Activities	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The organization has a clear plan for reaching their proposed outputs and outcomes during the grant period (i.e. growing its constituent base, developing leaders, and/or advancing campaign outcomes).• The organization demonstrates interest in participating in a peer learning program and clearly demonstrates how participation will further their organizational capacity.• The organization commits to participating in the peer learning program for the full length of the program.	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	100

9. APPLICATION FORMAT & QUESTIONS

Applicants will be required to respond to the following questions in the [online application portal](#). Supplemental materials required for application submission are also indicated. Applicants will not be able to submit an application unless all required fields are completed.

- **Section I: Sub-Grantee Application Information**
- **Section II: Organization Details**
 - **Upload:** (501(c)(3) tax exempt status (must be a letter from the IRS) or fiscal agent agreement
- **Section III: Contact Information**
- **Section IV: Financial** - Includes Current Fiscal Year Organizational Operating Budget
 - **Upload:** Most recent IRS Form 990 and audited financial statement
- **Section V: Organizational Background** - Includes Organization's Mission Statement and explanation on how organization aligns with National CAPACD's mission and values
- **Section VI: Communities Served**
 - Indicate the ethnic populations served by your program.
 - **Geography Served:** Briefly describe the neighborhood(s) or region(s) your organization serves and how it has been affected by gentrification/displacement.
 - **Impacted Community Leadership:** Explain how your organization supports the leadership development of directly impacted communities and include community members in decision-making processes.
- **Section VII: Program Information**
 - Program Description: Describe the program/project for which this funding would support.



- Power-building strategies: Explain your organization's strategies to combat gentrification/displacement and to build community power.
- Staffing: Describe the staff's connection/commitment to the community that your organization serves or constituencies you are trying to reach
- **Section VIII: Proposed Activities**
 - Propose numerical outputs and commit to tracking outcomes related to constituent engagement, leadership development of impacted communities, campaigns/policy advocacy, and organizational capacity.
 - Campaign or Policy Goals: List planned campaign or policy-change outcomes you hope to achieve during the grant cycle.
 - Peer Learning Goals: Explain your interest in the program and topics that would be helpful for the attending staff.
 - Organizational Capacity: Commit to the entire duration of the program and name the attending staff.

10. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How does National CAPACD define “community organizing”?

We define community organizing as “bringing people together to use their collective power to change culture and material conditions and to challenge existing power structures.” For more key definitions related to community organizing, please refer to Lead Local's [glossary linked here](#).

2. Do I need to be a paid National CAPACD member organization or current subgrantee to qualify for funding?

Being a dues-paying member is not a requirement for eligibility for funding. We will, however, take into consideration the length and quality of engagement between applicant organizations and National CAPACD.

3. My organization is not AA and NHPI-led but does work with AA and NHPI communities. Can I still apply for funding?

Yes, all local community-based organizations that advocate for low-income AA & NHPI communities are eligible to apply.

4. My organization is national or state in scope or focus. Can we still apply for funding?

National CAPACD is prioritizing locally-serving organizations for this funding opportunity.

5. I'm having trouble accessing the grant portal. Whom can I contact for help?

If you experience any challenges with the application portal, please email ourneighborhoods@nationalcapacd.org.