**Grant Application**

**Deadline: Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:00pm EST**

**Introduction:**

The Asian American Commission is proud to launch this small grant fund to support community efforts to fight for some of the most vulnerable communities and/or to provide support to organizations looking to continue relationships or begin new relationships dealing with Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities across the Commonwealth. These one-time grants ranging from $250 to $1,000 will be made available on a rolling basis until funds are depleted.

**About the AAC**

The Asian American Commission (AAC) is a Massachusetts Commission established under section 68 of chapter 3 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which went into effect on October 29, 2006.  The AAC was formed in recognition of the General Court’s findings that Asian Americans constitute the fastest growing minority population in both the  Commonwealth and the United States, that they represent a diverse population within the Commonwealth, and that many members of the Asian American community have overcome great hardship and made outstanding contributions to the educational, economic, technological, and cultural well-being of the Commonwealth, but still face many challenges in their efforts for full social, economic, and political integration within the Commonwealth.

The AAC is a permanent body dedicated to advocacy on behalf of Asian Americans throughout Massachusetts. The Commission’s goal is to recognize and highlight the vital contributions of Asian Americans to the social, cultural, economic, and political life of the Commonwealth; to identify and address the needs and challenges facing residents of Asian ancestry; and to promote the well-being of this dynamic and diverse community, thereby advancing the interests of all persons who call Massachusetts home.

**Eligibility and Criteria:**

* Your organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designated by the Internal Revenue Service or you are a small business located in Massachusetts with no more than 500 employees (or which meets the applicable size standard for the industry as provided by SBA's existing regulations).
* Applicants must have the ability to work with low-income AAPI communities in the Commonwealth.
* Request amount should not be below $250 and not exceed $1,000.

**Required Documents:**

* Completed grant application.
* Your organization’s Letter of Determination (sent from the IRS confirming 501(c)3 status) or a copy of your Business Certificate (obtained from your city of operation).
* Your organization/business’ W-9 form (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>) have to be submitted with the grant proposal to be eligible.

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**Organization/Business Name & Mailing Address:**

**Federal Tax ID (EIN):**

**Primary Contact Information**

**Name & Title:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Geographic Area(s) & Ethnic Communities served:**

**Amount requested:**

**Please share how your business/organization plans to support communities in need during this time, such as but not limited to providing listening sessions, mental health support, healing spaces, operational support medical supplies, etc.** *(Please be specific, clear and concise)*

**Additional Information:**

*If needed, please use this space to provide any additional information that will assist in the evaluation of this request.*