

# Fall 2024 (FY25) AAPIC Grants Data Analysis



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Asian American & Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Commission

Stay  
Connected

2024

**Nine (9)**  
Grantees

**\$40,000**  
Awarded

**14 of 14**  
MA  
Counties  
Served

# AAPI Commission Grants Program



- Introduced in 2021, the AAPI Commission Grants Program aims to uplift and empower Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities.
- Addresses challenges faced by community groups, artists, businesses, and youth organizations in securing initial funding by providing vital seed funding.
- Serves as more than financial support, acting as a beacon of opportunity for AAPI-led projects.
- Supports community-driven projects to foster cultural enrichment, economic growth, and social cohesion.
- Encourages diverse ventures, including grassroots initiatives and innovative artistic endeavors.
- Strives to nurture the vibrant contributions of AAPI communities and ensure their enduring impact.

# 2024 Grant Program Focus

- The Fall 2024 AAPIC Grants Program focused on supporting organizations, community groups, & individuals dedicated to serving refugees in Massachusetts.
- Eligible applicants were required to be based in Massachusetts, serve refugee populations, and operate as non-profit entities.
- This program reaffirmed AAPIC's commitment to fostering impactful work within refugee communities across the state.



# Selection Process

## Application

## Review

## Group Discussion

## Final Selection

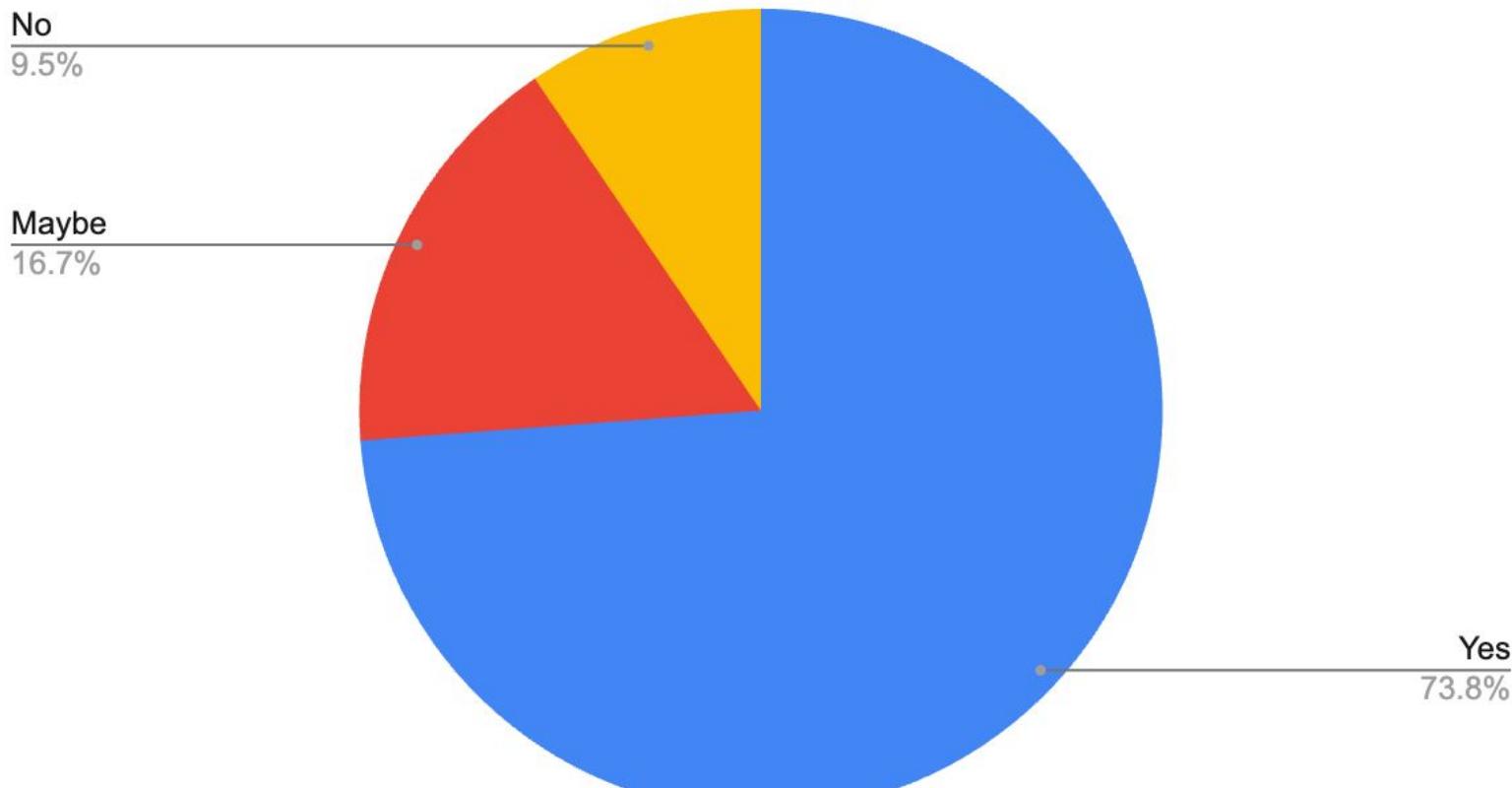
- After the 2023 Grant cycle, the Small Grants application transitioned online for efficiency. Launched in October 2024, it closed on November 11.
- Applicants had to be Massachusetts-based nonprofits serving refugees.
- After submission, applications were organized for review.
- Grants selection process led in collaboration with the Commissioners Selection Committee.
- Each member of the committee independently reviewed all applicants and their submissions to ensure a fair and thorough evaluation process.
- The Selection Committee reviewed 42 applicants in a Zoom meeting, discussing rankings and funding decisions.
- To streamline the process, the top 20 candidates were organized quantitatively for the final selection.
- Out of the top 20 candidates, 9 were selected for funding by the Commissioners on the Selection Committee.
- The final list was presented at the December 10, 2024, AAPI Commission meeting, where the full Commission approved the funding. Grantees were then notified, and final paperwork was requested to facilitate fund disbursement, coordinated with the treasury for timely processing.

# 42



Applications Received  
Statewide

## Does your project directly serve refugees?



## Nonprofit, Community Group, or Individual

Individual

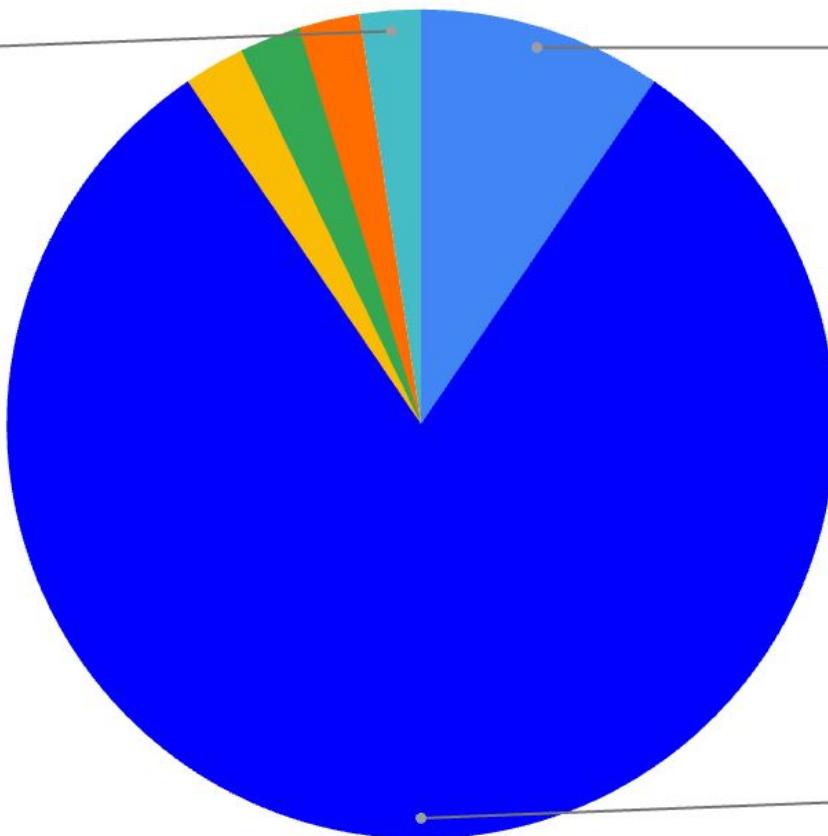
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Community Group

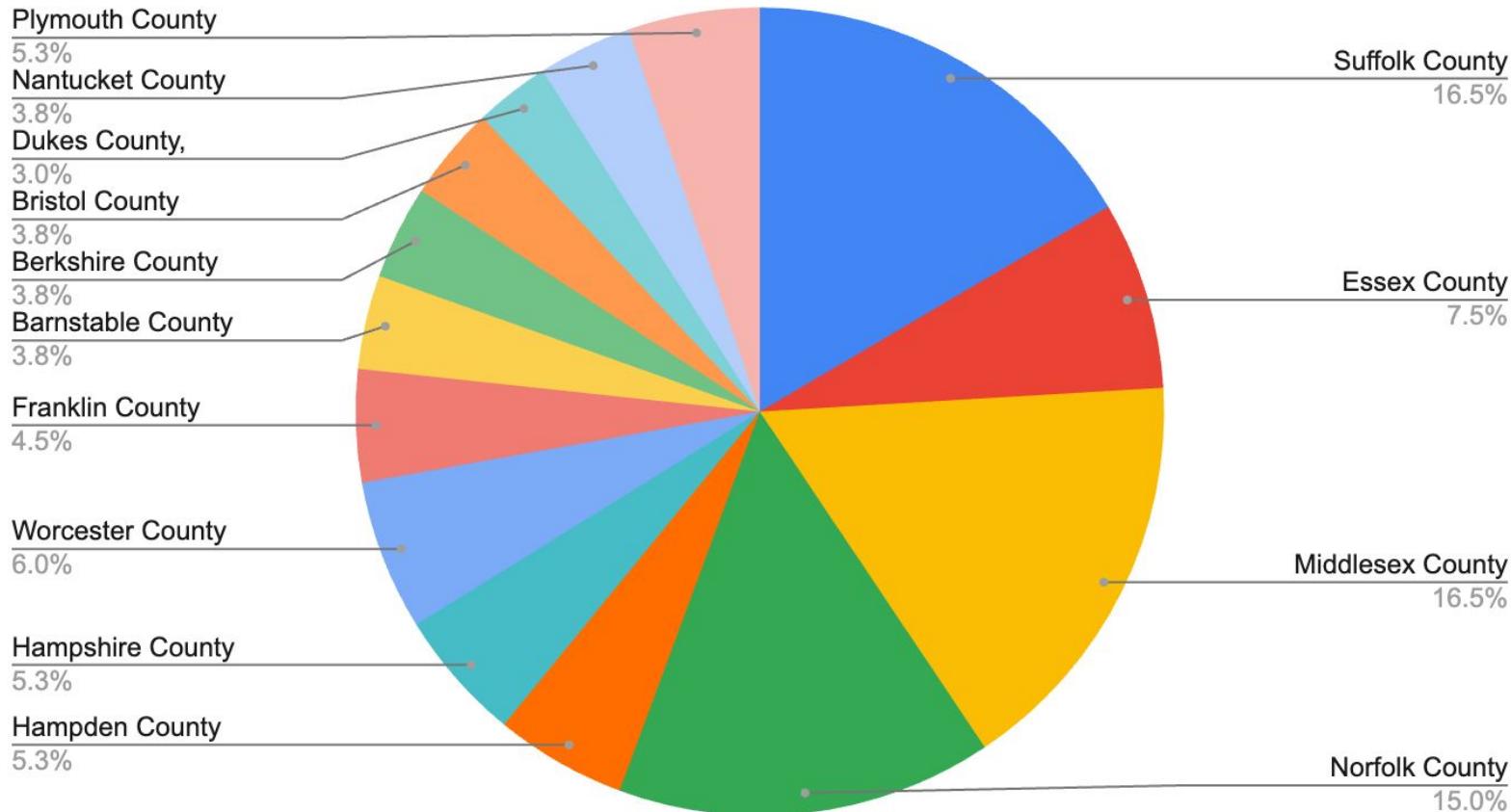
9.5%

501(c)3 Organization

81.0%



## Counties Grant Applicant Organizations Serve



## Ethnicities Served

West Asian

4.6%

Hawaiian and Pacific Islander

4.6%

South Asian

8.0%

Central Asian

6.9%

East Asian

12.6%

Includes AAPI

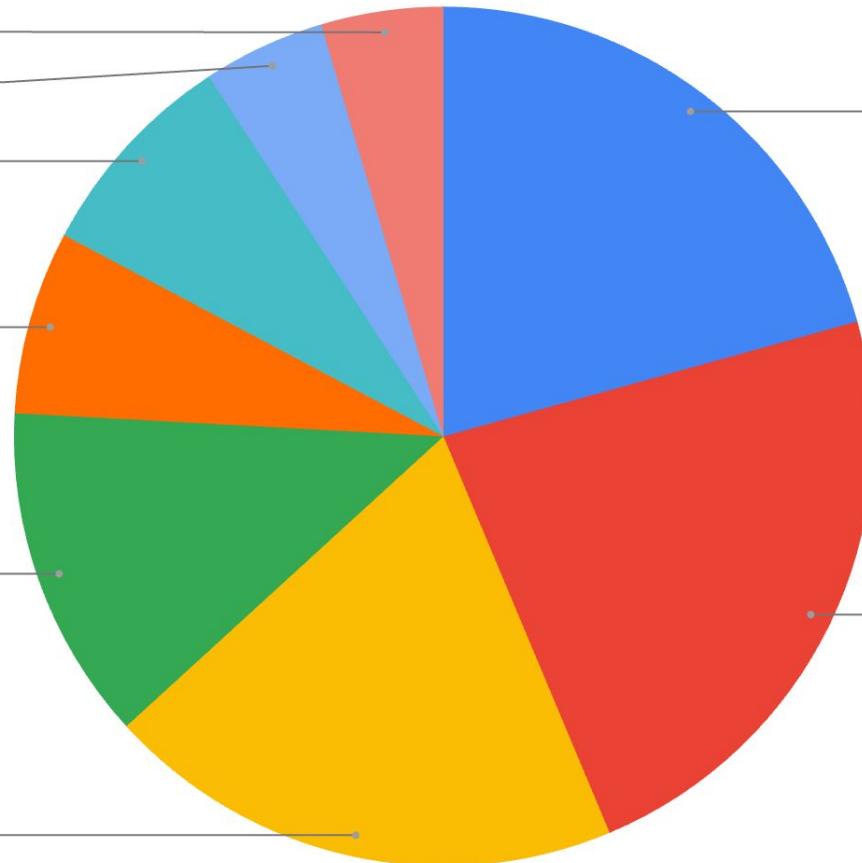
19.5%

Southeast Asian

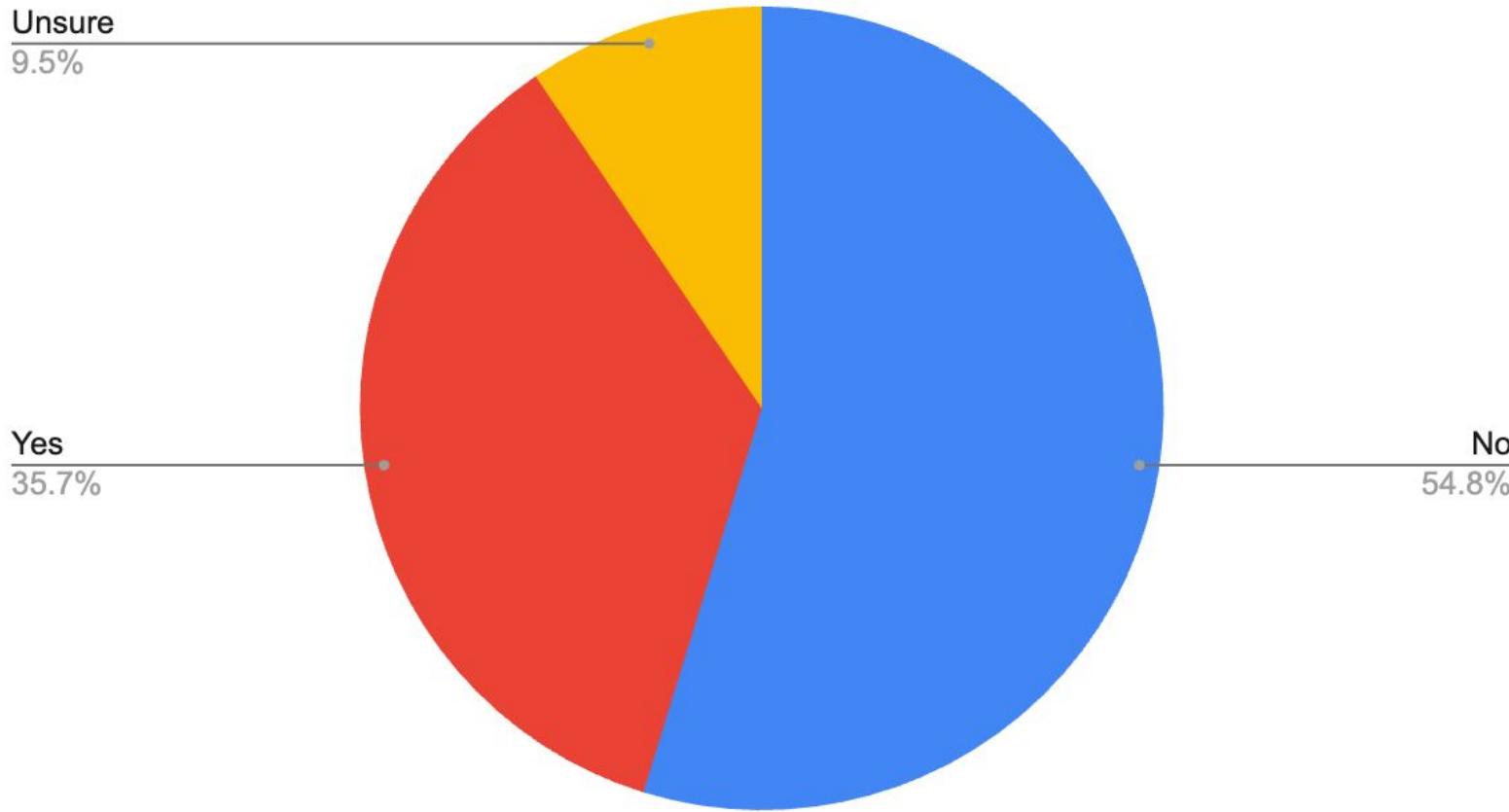
20.7%

All AAPI

23.0%



## Received Previous Funding from AAPIC (since 2020)?



# Nine

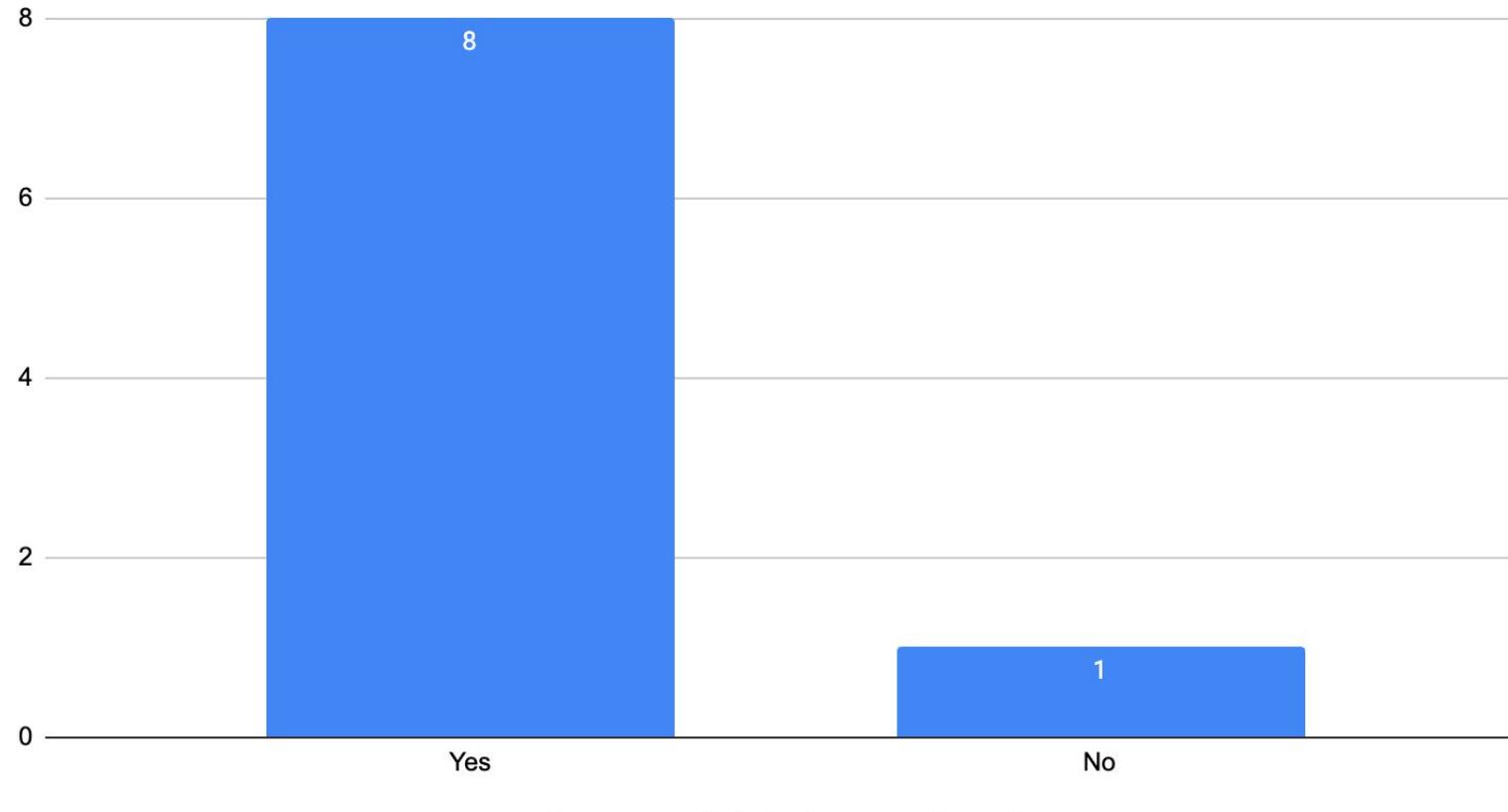


Organizations  
Awarded

# Grantees Awarded

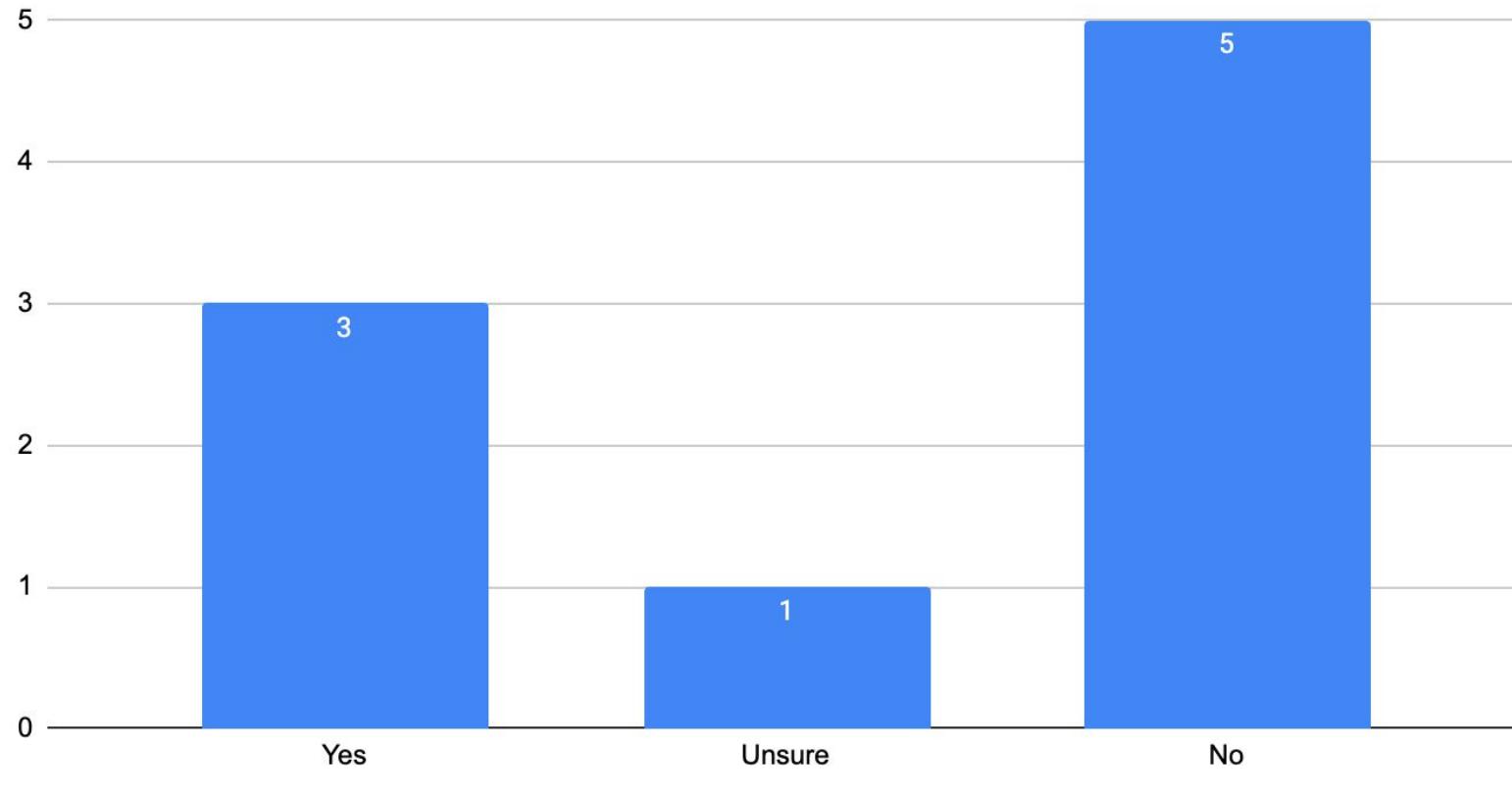
Organization	Amount
Advocacy for Refugee & Immigrant Services for Empowerment (ARISE)	\$5,000
Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW)	\$5,000
Boston New Hope Academy	\$5,000
Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment Program	\$5,000
Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries (MBMM) Inc.	\$5,000
Massachusetts Afghan Alliance	\$5,000
Political Asylum Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project	\$5,000
Proleung Khmer: A 50-year Journey of Remembrance and Resilience	\$2,500
Vong Tay Cha Me Viet / The Circle of Vietnamese Parents	\$2,500

## Directly Serve Refugees



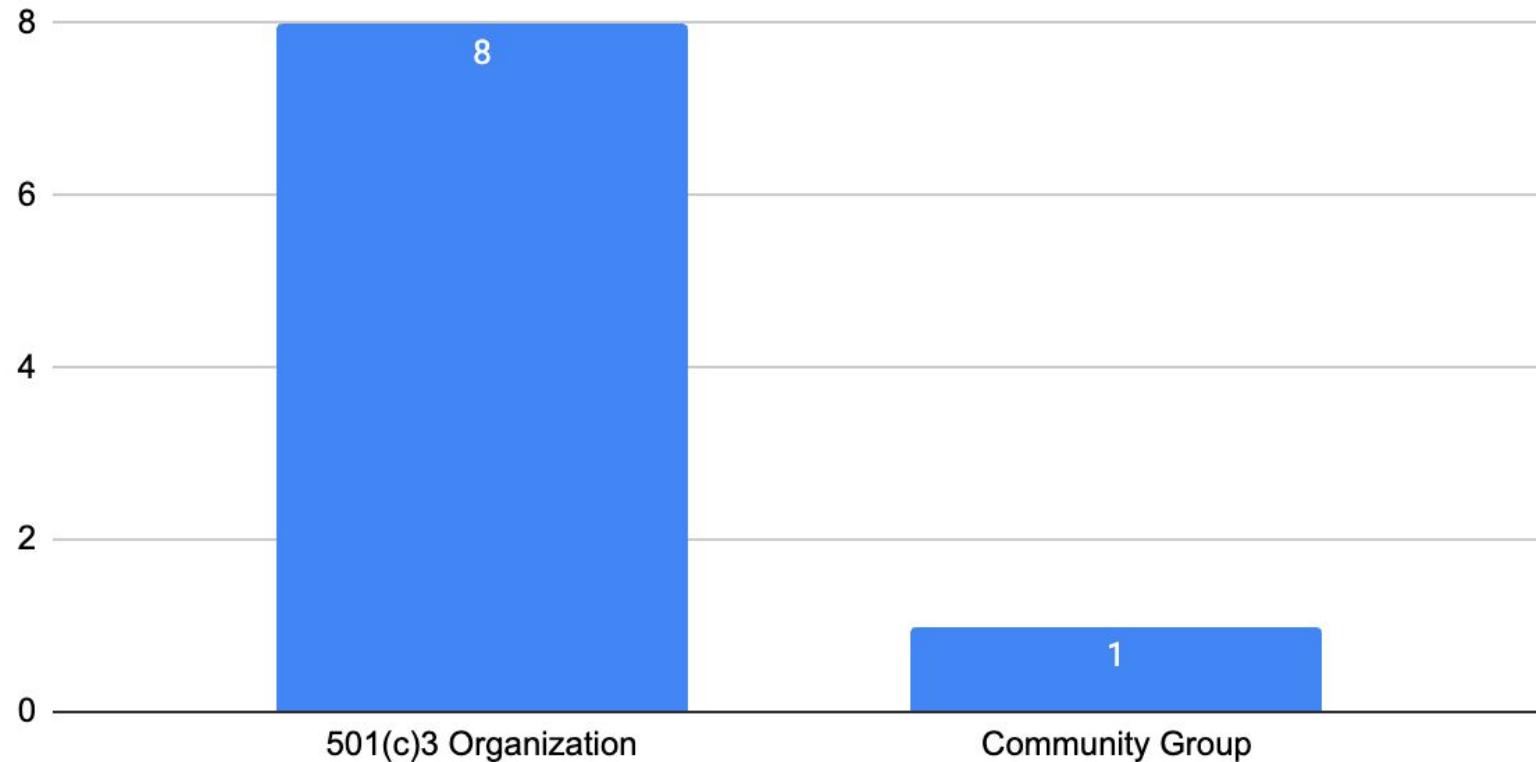
Does your project directly serve refugees?

## Received previous funding from AAPI Commission (since 2020)



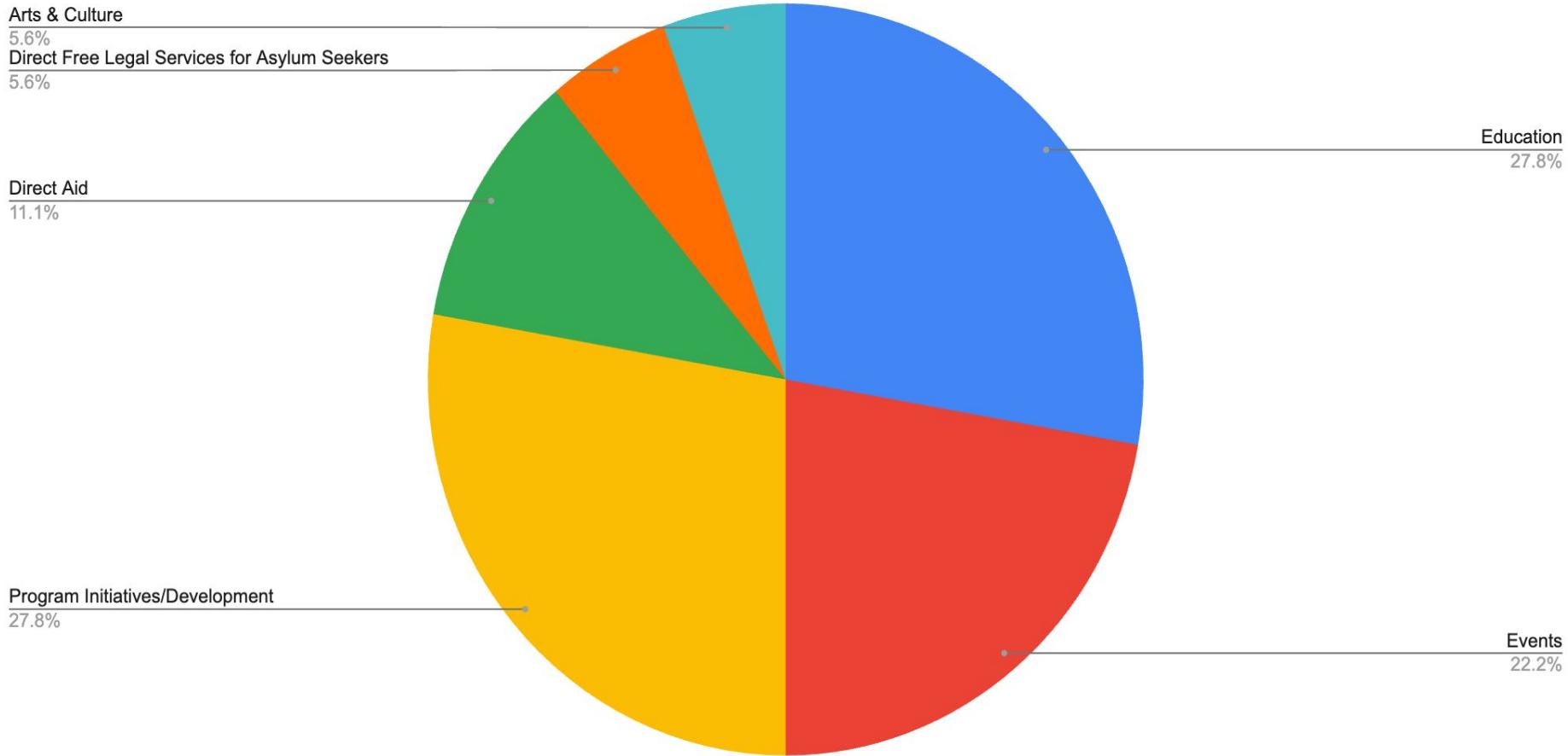
Have you received funding from the AAPI Commission since 2020?

## Nonprofit, Individual, or Community Group



Are you applying as a nonprofit, individual, or community group?

## Funding Purpose



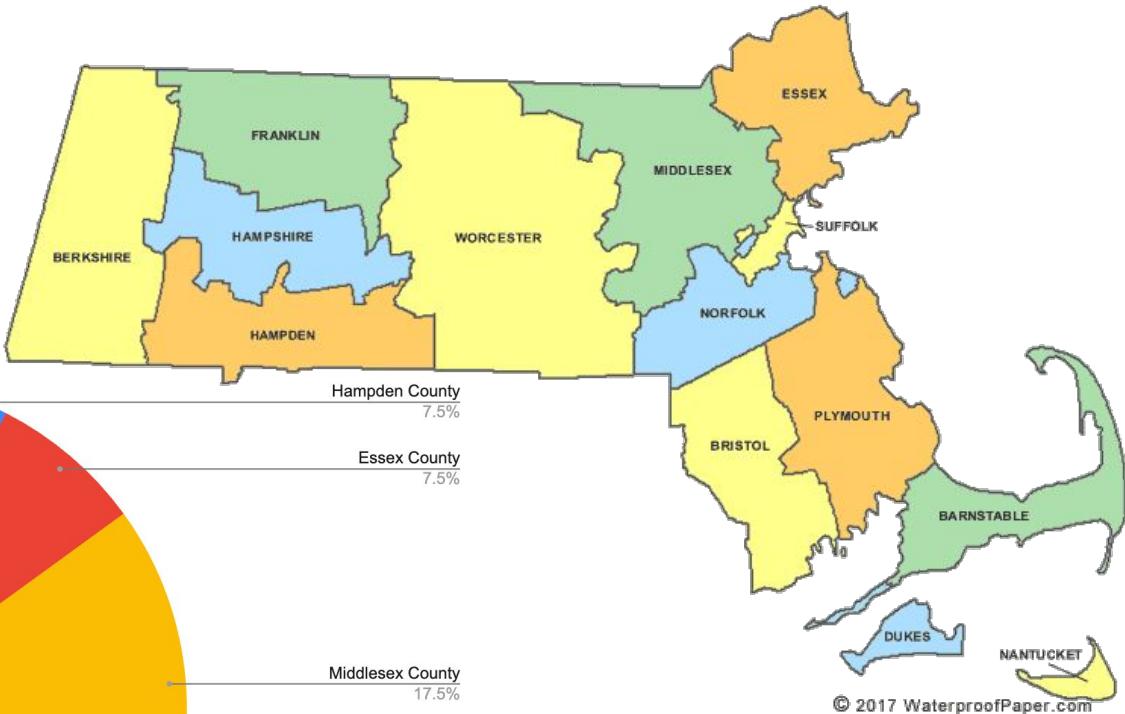
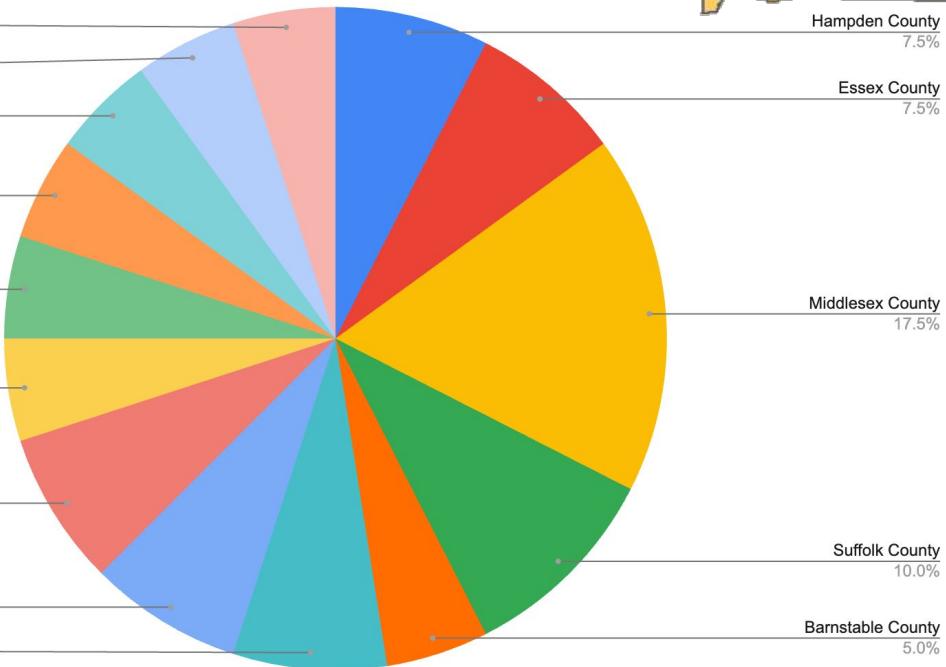
# Purpose for Funding

Advocacy for Refugee & Immigrant Services for Empowerment (ARISE)	<b>Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Training college students as Refugee Advocates to assist refugee families during resettlement processes, and provide personalized, long-term guidance tailored to each family's unique needs.</li></ul>
Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW)	<b>Education, Events, Program Initiatives/Development, Direct Aid</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leadership development, political education, and skills training for Southeast Asian refugee and immigrant community members to address impacts of mass detention, deportation, and strengthen legal and organizing capacities.</li></ul>
Boston New Hope Academy	<b>Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide stipends for high school tutors offering free sessions for children in Lynn, Lowell, and National Guard shelters</li></ul>
Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment Program	<b>Events, Program Initiatives/Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support a cultural heritage program empowering Afghan and Vietnamese youth through site visits, arts, and literature</li></ul>
Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries (MBMM) Inc.	<b>Program Initiatives/Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enhance the Refugee School Impact project, offering tailored academic and cultural integration programs for refugee children and parents, including ELL support, literacy education, and after-school activities.</li></ul>
Massachusetts Afghan Alliance	<b>Direct Aid, Events, Program Initiatives/Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assist compliance and growth, support Afghan refugee families, and host cultural events like Eid and Nowruz while raising awareness of refugee community contributions</li></ul>
Political Asylum Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project	<b>Direct Free Legal Services for Asylum Seekers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide pro bono legal services for AAPI asylum seekers, focusing on Afghan Refugee Project clients</li></ul>
Proleung Khmer: A 50-year Journey of Remembrance and Resilience	<b>Arts &amp; Culture, Education, Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support a 50-year commemoration of Khmer resilience and cultural identity through a series of historical and celebratory events in April-May 2025</li></ul>
Vong Tay Cha Me Viet / The Circle of Vietnamese Parents	<b>Education, Program Initiatives/Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Create a bilingual online platform to support Vietnamese parents of children with disabilities, offering culturally relevant training on life transitions, advocacy, and self-care.</li></ul>

# 14/14

## Counties Served

Plymouth County	5.0%
Nantucket County	5.0%
Franklin County	5.0%
Dukes County	5.0%
Bristol County	5.0%
Berkshire County	5.0%
Worcester County	7.5%
Norfolk County	7.5%
Hampshire County	7.5%



# MA State Counties Served

## Ethnicities Served

West Asian

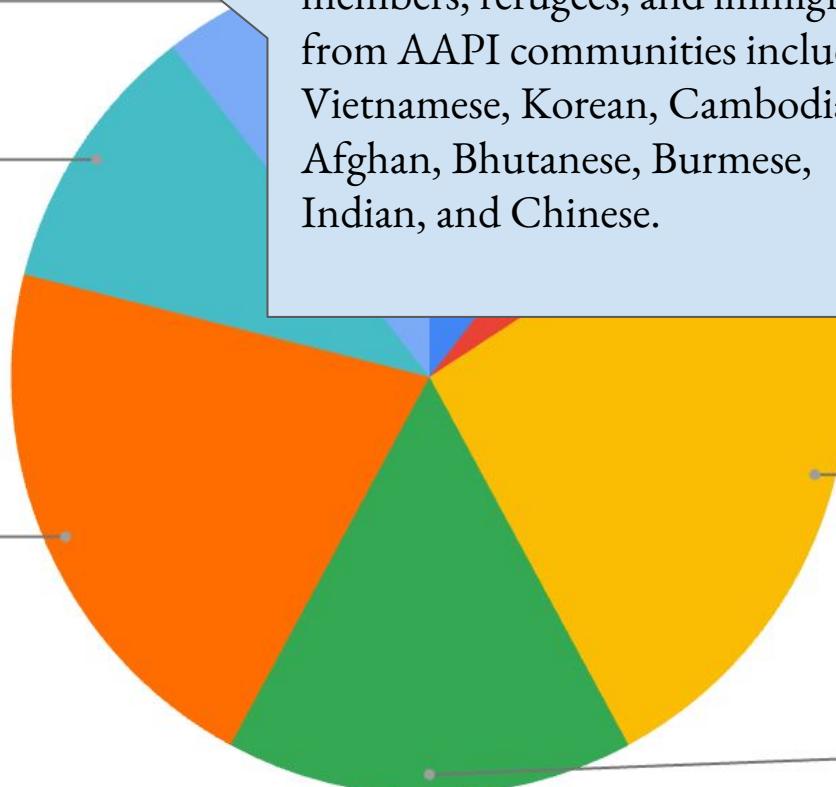
10.5%

South Asian

10.5%

Southeast Asian

21.1%



The selected grantee organizations collectively serve community members, refugees, and immigrants from AAPI communities including Vietnamese, Korean, Cambodian, Afghan, Bhutanese, Burmese, Indian, and Chinese.

## Other Communities Served by Awardees

Older Adults

2.7%

Youth

5.4%

Community Volunteers

2.7%

Low-Income

18.9%

LGBTQ+

8.1%

Disabled

5.4%

Immigrants

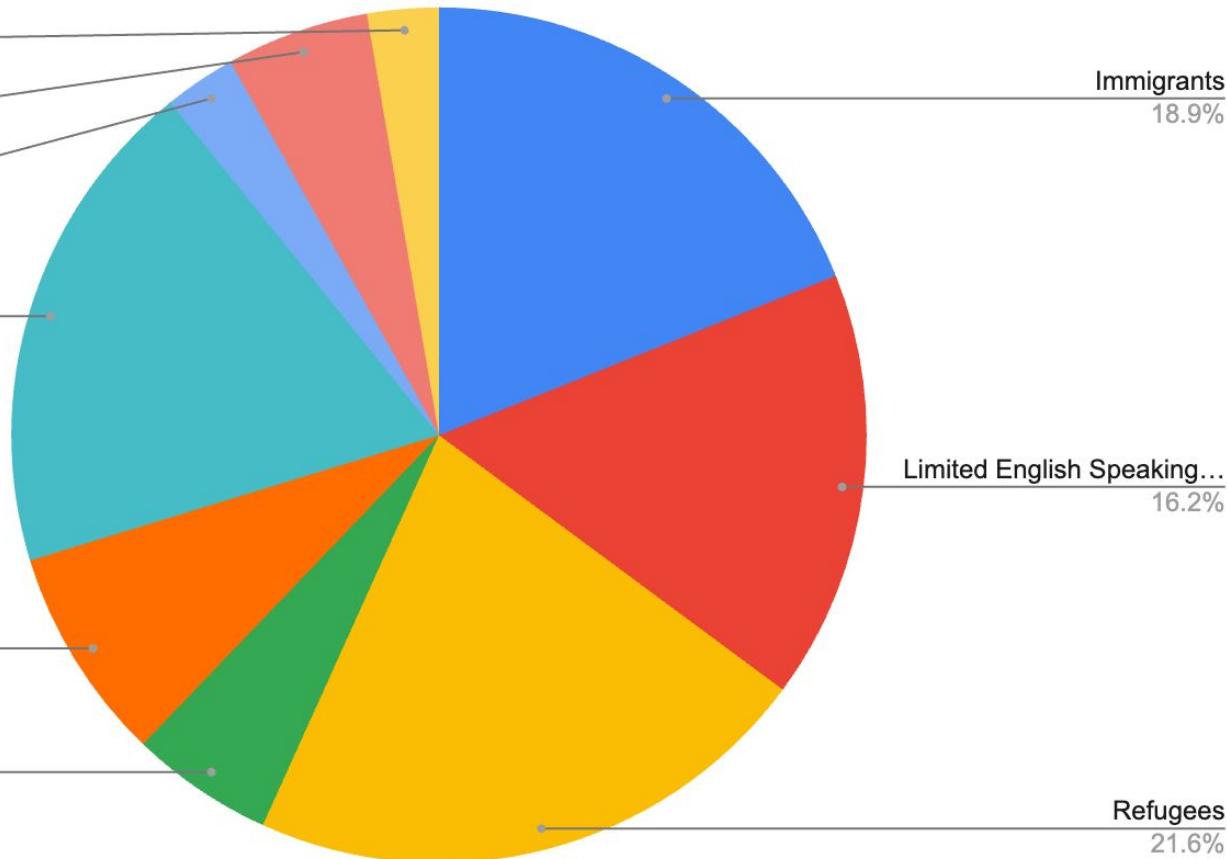
18.9%

Limited English Speaking...

16.2%

Refugees

21.6%





Thank You

Any Questions?

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