



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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Our Mission

APIAHF influences policy, mobilizes communities, and strengthens programs and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

Our Vision

APIAHF envisions a world where all people share responsibility and take action to ensure healthy and vibrant communities for current and future generations.

Our History

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, APIAHF, founded in 1986, is the oldest and largest health advocacy organization working with Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities across the United States and U.S.-affiliated Pacific jurisdictions. By providing policy recommendations and advocacy, data support, and effective communication strategies, APIAHF supports local AANHPI communities to have an influence on local, state, and national policy. By providing grants, training, technical assistance, and capacity building, APIAHF is also a source of key resources so that communities can mobilize and grow stronger in their coalitions and organizational structures.

Connection.

We welcomed 2023 as a year of renewed connection. Our community engagement, program and policy staff and leadership connected in person with members of our growing national network of 250 community-based organizations through training, site visits and other convenings. These efforts culminated at our July Health Equity Awards and the October VOICES Conference, which were life-affirming and vibrant. We especially celebrated the opportunity to extend the connection with the inaugural NHPI Alliance Currents convening that immediately followed VOICES. These gatherings provided space to celebrate our collective success as a growing and cohesive AANHPI community.

By leveraging the strength of connection, we collaborated with our network to deliver intensive, life-saving, culturally and linguistically informed outreach to reduce transmission of the coronavirus in our communities through effective infection prevention and control and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines. The COVID-19 pandemic became a lens through which we looked forward, listening to the voices of our communities to inform the priorities for the urgent work that needs to be done during the COVID-19 recovery phase.

We heard that the most urgent COVID-19 recovery work is at the state and local levels. Medicaid Unwinding places an estimated one million AANHPI individuals reliant on Medicaid at risk of losing health care coverage. The majority of community-based organizations in our network feel the double-burden of providing language services and bureaucratic acuity to support limited-English-proficient community members to navigate the complex and dynamic Medicaid eligibility process. We have expanded access to management and leadership tools through our capacity building programs, and through our policy accelerator programs, we have helped our network partners coalesce around State-specific issues like access to health care, sexual and reproductive rights, including investments in prevention and justice for intersectional racial and gender-based violence. We also sought relief for AANHPI individuals affected by the mental health epidemic and anti-Asian hate and violence related to the pandemic. We joined with 40 civil rights and health justice organizations and began advocating for a Stop Mental Health Stigma in Our Communities Act.

We are grateful for deepening partnerships with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, foundations and the private sector, who are looking at the evidence and providing funding for the priority needs of APIAHF communities. With such thoughtful and committed partners, we have been able to increase access to health services, increase the quality of health services, including culturally and linguistically accessible services, and to support advocacy for health equity, including the social determinants of health.

In tandem with these partnerships, we also welcomed the Administration's first national strategy to advance equity, justice, and opportunity for AANHPI communities. The strategy, which comprises action plans prepared by 32 federal agencies, builds on the broader equity agenda and details much needed investments in AANHPI communities and priorities. At our October VOICES conference, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra reaffirmed the Administration's commitment to rectify health disparities impacting AANHPI communities, fight the scourge of anti-Asian violence and discrimination, enhance language access by eliminating language barriers for AANHPI communities seeking government services, and address climate related hazards. This meaningful national strategy gives us hope for the coming years, but it will take time to implement.

As we reflect back on 2023 and the importance and impact of connection, three things stand out: the indefatigable on-the-ground work of our community-based partners, the contributions of thousands of individual contributors, and the visionary support of our philanthropic partners and members of our Business Leadership Circle. You have been our inspiration and our champions, supporting our policy work, our programs, and the convenings during which we reestablished and reaffirmed the connections that will make our growing network of AANHPI communities a cohesive voice to access, quality, and equity in health care for all AANHPI communities regardless of that state they live and work in or their migration status.

Please take a moment to look at our policy and program accomplishments in this 2023 Annual Report.

Sincerely,



Oliver J. Kim

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Board Chair



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A committed champion of a growing national network

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 masyarakat
 cộng đồng
 コミュニティ
 community
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 社会
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APIAHF is a trusted partner for federal and state agencies implementing public health laws, policies, and programs that address health disparities affecting AANHPI communities. APIAHF is a thought partner in a national community that advocates for racial and health equity to improve public health outcomes. Most importantly, APIAHF is a committed champion of a growing national network of more than 250 community-based organizations serving the diverse and complex health needs of AANHPI communities across 43 states and U.S.-affiliated Pacific jurisdictions.

Effective public health policies require a continuous, iterative process informed by scientific evidence and a feedback loop from the affected communities. APIAHF serves as the interlocutor between the community-based organizations that serve their communities, the research community, the people who formulate policies, and elected leaders.

51 self-identified ethnic communities are served by one or more of our network partners that help navigate the challenges of language barriers, cultural background, history, socioeconomic status, geography, and more.

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| Afghan | Filipino | Marshallese | Samaon |
| Asian Indian | Hakha | Matu | Sikh |
| Bangladeshi | Hmong | Mien | Sri Lankan |
| Bhutanese | Indonesian | Mon | Taiwanese |
| Burmese | Japanese | Mongolian | Thai |
| Carolinian | Karen | Nauruan | Tokelauan |
| Cambodian | Karenni | Native Hawaiian | Tongan |
| Cham | Kiribati | Nepalese | Vietnamese |
| Chamoru | Korean | Pakistani | West Papuan |
| Chin | Kosraean | Palauan | Yapese |
| Chinese | Laotian | Papua New Guinean | Zomi |
| Chuukese | Malaysian | Pohnpeian | Zotung |
| Fijian | Maldivian | Rakhine | |

APIAHF continues to lead on behalf of AANHPI communities on the following 2023 policy priorities:

01 Healthcare Access

02 Healthcare Quality

03 Healthcare Equity

Under these broad categories, specific priorities include:

Language Access

APIAHF holds federal agencies accountable to enforce current protections for language access and urges the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to restore language protections enacted in the Affordable Care Act, Section 1557. This includes outreach to the Office of Civil Rights in HHS to address violations of 1557 and recommendations to strengthen and develop a language access plan that is inclusive of the AANHPI community.

Additionally, APIAHF advocates for legislation to require adequate funding and resources to enable community-based organizations and healthcare providers to provide information and care in more languages, alongside increased appropriations for appropriate federal agencies to expand access to and enforcement of language accessibility. One in every three members of an AANHPI community has limited English language proficiency.

Data Disaggregation

AANHPI populations continue to grow and to expand our footprint across a growing number of states to over 26 million. Yet, much of the data available about our communities is consolidated in a way that disregards the diverse experiences and issues within these communities. To counter this, APIAHF advocates for the federal government to revise HHS and other federal department and agency programs to ensure they comply with Affordable Care Act requirements to collect, analyze, and report detailed demographic data. Additionally, APIAHF has continued to communicate with and educate a broad spectrum of individuals, including within and outside of coalitions on the importance of accurate, reflective, and disaggregated data.

In 2023, APIAHF submitted [comments](#) to update the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) standards for maintaining, collecting, and presenting federal data on race and ethnicity, also known as OMB Directive 15. These federal data standards were last updated in 1997 where the "Asian and Pacific Islander" category was separated into "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander." In the comments, APIAHF supported the following measures put forth by OMB:

- Required Collection of Detailed Race & Ethnicity Data by Default
- Updates to Race & Ethnicity Classification Terminology
- Support Addition of Middle Eastern or North African (MENA) as New Minimum Category

In addition to outlining the need for data that is accurate and reflective of AANHPI communities, APIAHF included testimonials and examples on the impact of data collection and disaggregation.



Access To Medicaid, Medicare, & Marketplace

Medicaid

The 2010 Affordable Care Act is one of the most significant expansions in civil rights and health care since the creation of the Medicaid program in 1964, including expanded Medicaid coverage to nearly all adults with incomes up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$20,120 for an individual in 2023). As of December 2023, 41 states and Washington, DC have adopted Medicaid expansion. Unfortunately, with the conclusion of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in April 2023, states across the country began disenrolling individuals who were no longer eligible or did not complete the renewal process (Medicaid Unwinding).

Overall, Medicaid enrollment has declined by nearly 10 percent across states since the beginning of Medicaid Unwinding, with large variances between states due to how far along states are in the unwinding process, and differences in approaches of state Medicaid offices.

APIAHF has worked in coalition with national partners and engaged in regular conversations with federal agencies, including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the White House Domestic Policy Council, in addition to Congress, to reduce the harm of the process.

APIAHF continues to advocate for legislation and policies that address barriers to healthcare that AANHPI communities face, work toward full implementation of COFA Medicaid restoration, and ensure a stable rate and policy environment for relevant Medicare and ACA marketplace plans.

Medicare

The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) included significant health care provisions that strengthened the protections established by the ACA including allowing CMS to negotiate prescription drug prices. In December 2023, APIAHF co-published a [report](#) on how the IRA have benefited AANHPI communities on Medicare including:

- Capping monthly insulin costs at \$35;
- Making recommended vaccines free;
- Giving seniors rebates for prescription drugs whose prices rise faster than inflation;
- Making low-income subsidies available to more people on Medicare in 2024;
- Adding a \$2,000 annual out-of-pocket prescription drug cost cap to Medicare in 2025; and
- Lowering drug prices by allowing Medicare to negotiate with drug companies.

Approximately 31,000 Asian American Medicare enrollees will save approximately \$500 annually due to the \$35 insulin cap and more than 1.8 million AANHPI individuals enrolled in Medicare Part D can now receive free vaccines.

Marketplace

In 2023, Marketplace enrollment continued to rise, with more individuals in our community enrolled in a health plan than ever before. The 2023-24 ACA Open Enrollment Period (which concluded in January 2024) resulted in a record-breaking 21.3 million Americans enrolled in a Marketplace health plan. HHS through CMS invested \$98.9 million in grant funding to 59 returning Navigator organizations for this Open Enrollment Period, the largest investment ever in Navigators (in 2022, \$80 million was awarded to the program). Navigators serve a critical role in our community with many programs offering in-language/translation services to eliminate the language barrier that too many face.



Immigrant Access To Healthcare

APIAHF continued to advocate to protect and expand programs proven to support Asian immigrant and Pacific Islander migrant communities. APIAHF pushed for legislation to eliminate barriers that immigrants may face and called on the White House to protect immigrants' access to affordable, quality health care.

In Congress, APIAHF endorsed and supported a nationally driven effort to re-introduce the Health Equity and Access under Law (HEAL) for Immigrant Families Act, bicameral legislation that removes barriers to health care for immigrants of all statuses.

Improving Diversity In Scientific Research

To improve diversity and equity in health, APIAHF advocated for AANHPI representation in rare disease research, clinical trials, and other areas in which these communities are underrepresented. APIAHF works to ensure that our community-based partner organizations will continue to receive adequate resources.

APIAHF is a trusted and effective partner for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other governmental agencies.

We partner with philanthropic and private sector organizations that share our understanding that good public health requires that all communities have equitable access to quality healthcare.

Through these partnerships, APIAHF implements programs in collaboration with communities to mitigate health disparities. APIAHF programs build capacity and support advocacy in community-based organizations. These organizations are on the front lines of improving access to, quality of, and equity in healthcare services for underserved Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities.

Healthcare Access



20 x 20 Navigator Program

Partners

Bristol Myers Squibb
Community Catalyst
General Motors

Shared Goal

Ensure AANHPI communities receive **ACCESS** to the care they need by increasing the availability and skills of community health workers and patient navigators to provide education, counseling and facilitate enrollment in health insurance plans.

Investment

Bristol Myers Squibb corporate health equity grant with additional investments from Community Catalyst and General Motors to support 20 community partners in hiring and training more community health workers and patient navigators to help clients from AANHPI communities navigate the health insurance marketplace, enroll in Medicaid and Medicare, and access the health services they need.

“From my perspective, my work as a Navigator helps individuals, families, and the community realize the importance of having health insurance as well as the options they have when choosing health insurance or managing their care. NICOS being a navigation entity is also, to many in our community, a dependable resource. We have had so many clients come back for assistance and new clients come in because no other organizations in the area were able to assist them with their Medi-Cal or Covered California related questions. Once in a while, we also have people reaching out from other counties because we have the language capacity to assist them.”

Tracy Nguyen

Patient Navigator,
NICOS Chinese Health Coalition
San Francisco, CA



Impact in 2023



Engaged

100+ community health workers and 80+ patient navigators, including Pacific Islander navigators (PINs) in Arizona, California, Washington DC (National), *Florida, Georgia, Hawai'i, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Washington.*

**Italicized non-medicaid expansion states*



Enrolled

28,400+ people in Medicaid, Marketplace, or Medicare.



Assisted

108,000+ clients with understanding, enrolling in, and using healthcare insurance.



Assisted

47,200+ patients.



Participated

2,500+ community events.

Engaging AA and NH/PI Communities in Adult Vaccination (EVAC)

Partner

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Shared Goal

Improve operational capacity for adult vaccination coverage with increased **ACCESS** to immunization services among AANHPI communities through strengthened community partnerships.

Investment

\$2.5 million cooperative agreement for 24 community partners in the National AANHPI Health Response Partnership, a consortium, to increase acceptance of vaccines and access to immunization services among AANHPI communities.

“...the most important parts of [EVAC are] the education pieces... When we have events or when we go out to the community with [EVAC funding], we can talk about all the services available and how...we get our community healthier, safer, educated, better.”

Vida Lin

President & Founder,
Asian Community
Development Council (ACDC)
Las Vegas, NV



Impact in 2023



Partnered

With 881 trusted community leaders to communicate the importance of flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.



Produced

16,391 communication products, resources, and campaign products driven by community-level needs such as COVID-19 misinformation in AANHPI communities.



Hosted

94,174 community members at 758 campaign events to increase awareness about flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.



Informed

The CDC's long-term vaccination outreach strategy through a better understanding of vaccine hesitancy in AANHPI communities.



Administered

6,343 COVID-19 or influenza vaccines to community members.



Reached

805,898 people through social media-based campaigns.



Deployed

Community-based, culturally-tailored, and linguistically appropriate messages on the flu, COVID-19, and the importance of vaccination translated in up to 31 languages.



Built

A foundation for unified future public health responses through the National AANHPI Health Response Partnership.

Healthcare Quality



Capacity For Health Program (C4H)

Partners

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Shared Goal

Promote continuous **QUALITY** improvement and sustainability for community-based organizations providing HIV services for AANHPI communities by enhancing the skillsets of mid-level to senior managers.

Investment

\$1.1 million five-year cooperative agreement to develop the skills and capacity of mid-to-senior level community-based organization staff to manage HIV prevention and treatment activities. A complementary initiative to produce a social media campaign to support Ending the HIV Epidemic.

“I’ve actually taken a couple of the concepts that we worked on and utilized them at the end of the year when we were reviewing protocols and adjustments that need to be made for 2023... We used a couple of tools that we learned to be able to really identify the core question that needed to be answered. Then start to unravel those barriers by identifying multiple different options and avenues that we can take and trying to use.”

Anonymous Program Participant

Impact in 2023



Engaged

103 mid-to-senior level HIV staff from 103 community-based organizations.



Enrolled

103 managers in a National Learning Community supported by peers, coaches, and mentors from the HIV treatment and prevention workforce.



Published

3 self-paced web-based courses for CBO managers to improve skills in managing people, programs, and organizations.



Facilitated

3 live cohorts of the Creative Problem-Solving Intensive for CBO managers to solve management challenges at their organization.



Produced

7 podcasts and 3 Facebook Live events for the Ending the HIV Epidemic campaign.

Systems Mapping and Practice

Partner

Bristol Myers Squibb

Shared Goal

Identify opportunities to improve the **QUALITY** of healthcare programs, policy and outreach in AANHPI communities by creating system maps from in-person and virtual listening sessions with community-based organizations.

Investment

Bristol Myers Squibb corporate health equity cooperative agreement to create systems maps that visually identify ways systems impact AANHPI health advocacy by identifying existing strengths and gaps in services, funding, and partnerships.



Impact in 2023



Engaged

5 community-based organizations with experience increasing AANHPI healthcare access through community health workers and patient navigation.



Facilitated

25 individual sessions and a 3-day group in-person workshop with participating CBOs.



Published

A systems map summary to highlight the key dynamics affecting health outcomes for AANHPI communities and identify likely leverage points for improving these outcomes.

Healthcare Equity



Infection Prevention Control/Project Firstline

Partners

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Shared Goal

Increase health **EQUITY** by ensuring frontline healthcare workers and the public health workforce can protect themselves, their patients, and their communities from infectious disease threats.

Investment

\$1 million cooperative agreement to support 6 community-based organizations in the National AANHPI Health Response Partnership. This program provided culturally appropriate and linguistically accessible infection prevention control training for AANHPI frontline healthcare workers.

Impact in 2023



Produced
20 training materials and resources translated in 9 Asian and Pacific Islander languages.



Hosted
2 in-person training events with discussions and workshop sessions facilitated by the community champions.



Engaged
18 AANHPI infection prevention and control champions.



Adapted
CDC infection control content into training materials and live training in additional languages.



Expanded
Existing channels and built new channels for the distribution of materials.

Forging Partnerships

Partner

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Shared Goal

Increase health **EQUITY** by building the capacity of disproportionately impacted communities to respond to COVID-19 and future health issues.

Investment

\$3.3 million cooperative agreement to strengthen 5 community-based organizations with a national reach and a focus on serving the areas of Northern California, Southern California, and all islands in Hawai'i. This program addressed the unique needs, strengths, and preferences of members of AANHPI communities at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, such as disproportionately affected essential workers, multigenerational households, and people with diabetes. The project period covered August 2022 through July 2023, with a new project period starting in August 2023.

Policy Accelerator Lab

Partners

Bristol Myers Squibb

Shared Goal

Increase the capacity and effectiveness of community-based organizations serving AANHPI communities to advocate for health and health **EQUITY** issues.

Investment

Bristol Myers Squibb supported twelve community-based organizations to participate in the Policy Advocacy Capacity Building Accelerator Lab.

Impact in 2023



Jointly Hosted

Increasing Vaccine Confidence in AA & NHPI Pregnant and Lactating People webinar, to raise awareness about the effects of associated risks that COVID-19 has on pregnancy and breastfeeding and emphasize the importance of being vaccinated against COVID-19.



Developed

120 communication and education products informed by data ranging from toolkits, infographics and palm cards, videos, data reports, events, and social media graphics and other digital resources in 36 Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander languages.



Published

In collaboration with Morehouse School of Medicine National COVID-19 Resiliency Network, APIAHF created a fact sheet on COVID-19 boosters and variants and translated into 23 Asian and Pacific Islander languages.

Impact in 2023



Engaged

Over 30 individuals from 12 different organizations from 9 different states.



Facilitated

9 sessions with a cohort of twelve organizations: 2 in person convenings in Washington D.C.; 7 live virtual sessions on advocacy engagement and planning; 2 guest speakers - Ven Nerella and Dr. Michael Shank; and one 2-day storytelling workshop facilitated by Kevin Aiopopo.

Health Resources

Partner

Bristol Myers Squibb

Shared Goal

Identify and prioritize health **EQUITY** issues that affect the AANHPI communities.

Investment

Corporate grant to support production and digital dissemination of monthly infographics in multiple languages about chronic and infectious diseases, cancer prevention, health disparities, and other related topics.

Impact in 2023



Engaged

APIAHF's network of over 250 community-based organizations.



Expanded

Access to English language resources into 7 Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander languages.

KANESA O LE TAUFALÉ (TOTOGA FEAU MAMAÓ TETELE)

O polipe o le taufale o ni mea e tuputupu a'e i totonu o le taufale (totoga feau mamao tetele) ma e mafai ona liua i se kanesa pe a le ave'eseina.

I tagatanuu Asia Amerika, o le kanesa o totoga feau mamao tetele e lona lua lea i kanesa uma e masani ona maua.¹ O tagatanuu Asia Amerika, o se tasi e pito i maualalo ai lava su'esu'ega faailo o le kanesa i le lumaite Setete e na o le 52% e o loo atoatoa a latou suesuega faatusa lea i le 66% o palalagi.²

O tagatanuu tane Hawaii e pito i toatele lava tagata maliluu mai le kanesa o le taufale i tagatanuu uma.³

FAAILOILO & ÅUGA

E le iai i taimi uma ni auga o le kanesa o le taufale. A iai ni auga, e ono aofia ai:

- Suia le tulaga sa masani ai le feau mamao
- Filogia le feau mamao
- Tata le manava, mamau, pe lagona e le o maea ona alu ese mai uma le feau mamao
- Tiga le manava, gaio, poo le tiga e le te'a ese
- Alu le tino e le faamatalaina



LAMATIAGA

O lou aafia i le kanesa o le taufale e faateleina a o e faasolosolo ina matua O isi lamatiaga e aofia ai:

- Faamai fulafula o le taufale
- Sa maua ai muamua pe aafia ai foi se isi o le aiga
- Aafiaga mai lou fausaga (genetic)
- Le faia se faamalositino masani
- Tau le tausami i fualaau aina ma fualaau faisua
- Maua i le tino puta ma le lapo'a
- Taumafa i le ava malosia ma le tapa'a

PUIPUIGA MA SUESUEGA FAAILO

Faaitiitia le avanoa e te maua ai i le kanesa o le taufale i le:

- Faateleina le faamalositino
- Tausami i fualaau aina ma fualaau faisua e pei o le ulu, talo, kapisí, esi, kapisí saina
- Faaitiitia le taumafa i le ava malosia
- Alo ese mai le tapa'a/ula sikaleti

O le Vaega Galue mo le Auunaga tau Puipuiga a le U.S. e fautuaina tagata matutua e 45 i le 75 tausaga e suesueina mo le kanesa o le taufale.

ITUAIGA SU'ESU'EGA FAAILO:

Su'esu'ega mo le feau mamao e aofia ai:

- **Guaiaic-based fecal occult blood test (gFOBT)** e faaaogaina le vaiilaa o le guaiaic e iloa ai le filogia o le feau mamao.
 - **E Faafia:** Faatasi i le tausaga
- **Fecal immunochemical test (FIT)** e faaaogaina puipuiga o le tino (antibodies) e iloa ai le filogia o le feau mamao
 - **E Faafia:** Faatasi i le tausaga
- **FIT-DNA test (stool DNA test)** e siaki ai le suiga o le DNA mo le filogia
 - **E Faafia:** E tai tolu tausaga

Flexible sigmoidoscopy e siaki le iai o ni fula poo kanesa i totonu o le taufale ma le itu pito i lalo.

◦ **E faafia:** E tai 5 tausaga, pe tai 10 tausaga ma le FIT i tausaga uma

Colonoscopy e aveia ma se su'esu'ega e mulimuli ane pe afaí e iai se mea uigaese na maua i se tasi o isi su'esu'ega faailo na faia.

◦ **E faafia:** E tai 10 tausaga, pe afaí e le maualuga lou avanoa e maua ai le kanesa o le taufale

CT colonography e faaaogaina ai faata ma komipiuta e vaia ai le aotelega o le taufale e tagai ai le fomai ma iloilo.

◦ **E faafia:** E tai 5 tausaga

Asiasi i lau fomai, Nofoga Autu o le Soifua Maloloina mo le Nuu, Nofoga Autu o le Soifua Maloloina mo Nuu i Tui, po o le Nofoga Augu o le Soifua Maloloina mo Tagatanuu Hawaii

PUNA O FAAMATALAGA

- Find a Health Center: findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov
- National Cancer Institute Helpline: cancer.gov/help or call 1-800-4-CANCER
- American Cancer Society: cancer.org or call 1-800-ACS-2345



¹ Puna'oa o Faamatalaga
² Fuisinumeralava: Su'esu'ega Faailo mo Kanesa o le Taufale
³ O polipe o le taufale o ni mea e tuputupu a'e i totonu o le taufale (totoga feau mamao tetele) ma e mafai ona liua i se kanesa pe a le ave'eseina.

Capacity Building For Public Health Partnerships (CORE)

Partner

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Shared Goal

Ensure all people have an **EQUITABLE** opportunity to live as healthy a life as possible.

Investment

\$150,000 cooperative agreement to build the capacity of disproportionately impacted communities to respond to COVID-19 and future health issues, while promoting the sustainability of community-based practices that address the social determinants of health. These practices included a combination of strong science, interventions, evaluation, partnership, policy, communication, and workforce enhancement.

Impact in 2023



Launched

Program Manager Training, a two-day intensive aimed at enhancing decision-making skills across financial, operational, strategic, and human resource domains. Held in Hawaii, New Orleans, and Detroit, the training provided program managers with essential tools for effectively navigating the complexities of community-based organizations that serve diverse populations.

This initiative focuses on developing comprehensive leadership and managerial skills, emphasizing organizational sustainability, leadership agility, and strategic insights critical for success in various managerial roles. The program also addresses the unique needs of AANHPI communities, promoting an inclusive leadership approach.

Hepatitis B & Tuberculosis Engagement Project

Partner

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Shared Goal

Achieve health **EQUITY** by increasing knowledge, testing, and treatment of TB and latent TB infection among AANHPI communities at increased risk.

Investment

\$610,000 cooperative agreement to provide technical assistance, training, and capacity building to community partners to conduct outreach to communities most affected by TB. Support included increasing awareness and understanding of latent TB infection testing and treatment strategies, sharing resources and best practices among providers, and developing partnerships to scale existing initiatives.

Addressing AANHPI Community Health

Partner

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Shared Goal

Advance health **EQUITY** for AANHPI communities by promoting good nutrition, regular physical activity, and a healthy weight to improve overall health and well-being and prevent, delay, and manage many chronic diseases.

Investment

\$200,000 cooperative agreement to address health disparities in health programming for AANHPI communities by providing technical assistance and training for 43 community-based organizations on specific ethnic and cultural needs.

Impact in 2023



Supported

12 community-based organizations on projects to address TB in local AANHPI Communities.



Empowered

Hill TB survivors to attend World TB Advocacy Day events.



Represented

The TB Elimination Alliance, together with the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations at the National Tuberculosis Controller Association Conference with grantees Todu Guam Foundation, Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese, Regional Pacific Islander Taskforce, and Champions for Health.

Impact in 2023



Expanded

An environmental scan and key informant interviews with land use experts to better understand barriers to walking and other forms of community-based physical activity in Asian American, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islander communities.



Hosted

A webinar, “Closing the Gap in Nutrition and Chronic Disease Outcomes” with Dr. Marie Kainoa Fialkowski Revilla, PhD, Christopher Tenorio and Diana Chu, MA, MFT, RD.



Health Equity Awards 2023

Our annual Health Equity Awards ceremony honors the work that our community partners, healthcare providers, and policymakers do in the course of serving their communities.

On June 13, 2023 we honored:

Congresswoman Lauren Underwood

With the Policymaker Award for her leadership in advancing health care affordability for communities of color through bills such as the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act and Health Care Affordability Act.

Journalist and filmmaker Richard Lui

With the Community Advocate Award for his work in amplifying AANHPI voices and stories.

Project Firstline partners

With the Organization Award for their work supporting AANHPI frontline health care personnel through a national health care workforce infection control training collaborative.

Special guests included:

The Honorable Jenny R. Yang

Deputy Assistant to the President for Racial Justice and Equity, The White House

Congresswoman Barbara Lee

2022 recipient of the APIAHF Policymaker Award

VOICES 2023 Conference

Our annual VOICES conference is the only national convening of AANHPI healthcare advocates. VOICES brings together healthcare and policy professionals, social justice advocates, and community leaders to elevate the stories of our communities to key stakeholders working to advance health equity and health justice, with a focus on eliminating disparities and supporting AANHPI communities.

Over 300 people from across the country attended the October 18-19 VOICES 2023 conference in Washington, DC.



Three plenaries sessions and a guest speaker set the tone for VOICES 2023:

The Honorable Xavier Becerra, 25th Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services- APIAHF President & CEO, Juliet K. Choi, shared a fireside discussion with Secretary Becerra that covered White House efforts to rectify health disparities in AANHPI communities, combat anti-Asian violence, increase AANHPI language accessibility, and address climate-related hazards.

Richard Lui, Director, *Unconditional*; Alex Lo, Producer, *Unconditional*; and Shane Thomas, Caregiver - APIAHF VP and Managing Director of Programs, Mary L. Smith, led a panel conversation about caregiving and its impact on mental and emotional health as shown in the documentary, *Unconditional*.

Curtis Chin, Author and Activist - Executive Director, David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy Professor from Practice, UCLA School of Law, Karin Wang moderated a book talk with Curtis Chin about his memoir, *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant*.



Panel presentations and workshops facilitated discussion about policy, capacity building, and community engagement, with networking breaks encouraging community collaboration. Topics included:

- [Achieving Health Access](#)
- [Perspective from Washington: Challenges and Opportunities](#)
- [Engaging and Empowering AA & NHPI Communities and Health Leaders to Advance Awareness, Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Rare Kidney Disease - Inspiring Action and Collaboration](#)
- [Improving our Health Through Civic Engagement](#)
- [Medicaid Unwinding and Open Enrollment](#)
- [Climate Change and AANHPI Health](#)
- [AANHPI Mental Health, Wellness, and Resiliency during COVID-19 and Beyond](#)
- [Diversity in Clinical Trials](#)

Our VOICES 2023 Conference was possible due to the generous support of our corporate sponsors. Thanks to the generous support of VOICES Sponsors, we were able to provide more than 100 scholarships for the travel and lodging expenses of community-based organization representatives who would have otherwise been unable to attend.



Business Leadership Circle

APIAHF is grateful for the generosity of the businesses and corporations in our Business Leadership Circle, whose partnerships provide general operating support to advance better health outcomes for AANHPI communities.

In addition to providing general operating support, Business Leadership Circle partners advance the interests of AANHPI health and health equity through:

- Event Sponsorship
- Programmatic Investments
- Product Donations
- Grants & Awards Programs
- Raising Public Awareness

Business Leadership Circle partners were encouragingly visible at our 2023 Health Equity Awards and 2023 VOICES Conference, and participated in strategic discussions with key stakeholders.



Our Health Equity Awards Business Leadership Circle Luncheon on July 13, 2023, included:

- A briefing on APIAHF program and policy priorities by President & CEO Juliet K. Choi
- A spotlight on APIAHF's 20 x 20 Patient Navigator Program
- Small group breakouts and large group discussion about emerging challenges, opportunities, and collaboration points in advancing AANHPI health equity



Our VOICES Business Leadership Circle Luncheon on October 19, 2023, included:

- A briefing on the needs and growth of APIAHF's national network of community partners by President & CEO Juliet K. Choi
- An overview of APIAHF's capacity building, community engagement, and policy impact in 2023
- A discussion about strategies to advance AANHPI health equity in the transition from COVID-19 response to recovery

Special thanks to our valued thought partners, the members of the 2023 Business Leadership Circle:

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Announcements For 2024

2024 Health Equity Awards



Our annual Health Equity Awards will take place on July 18, 2024, in Washington, DC.

2024 VOICES Conference



Our annual VOICES Conference will take place October 1-October 2, 2024, at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC.

New Office Location



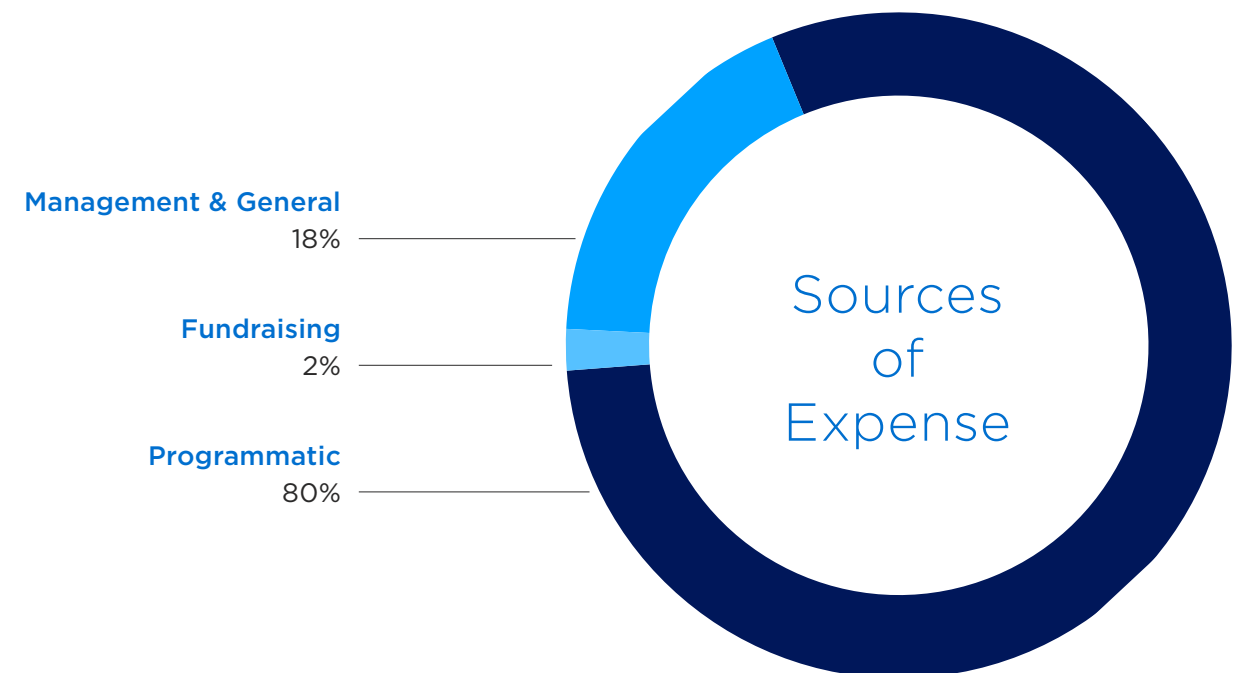
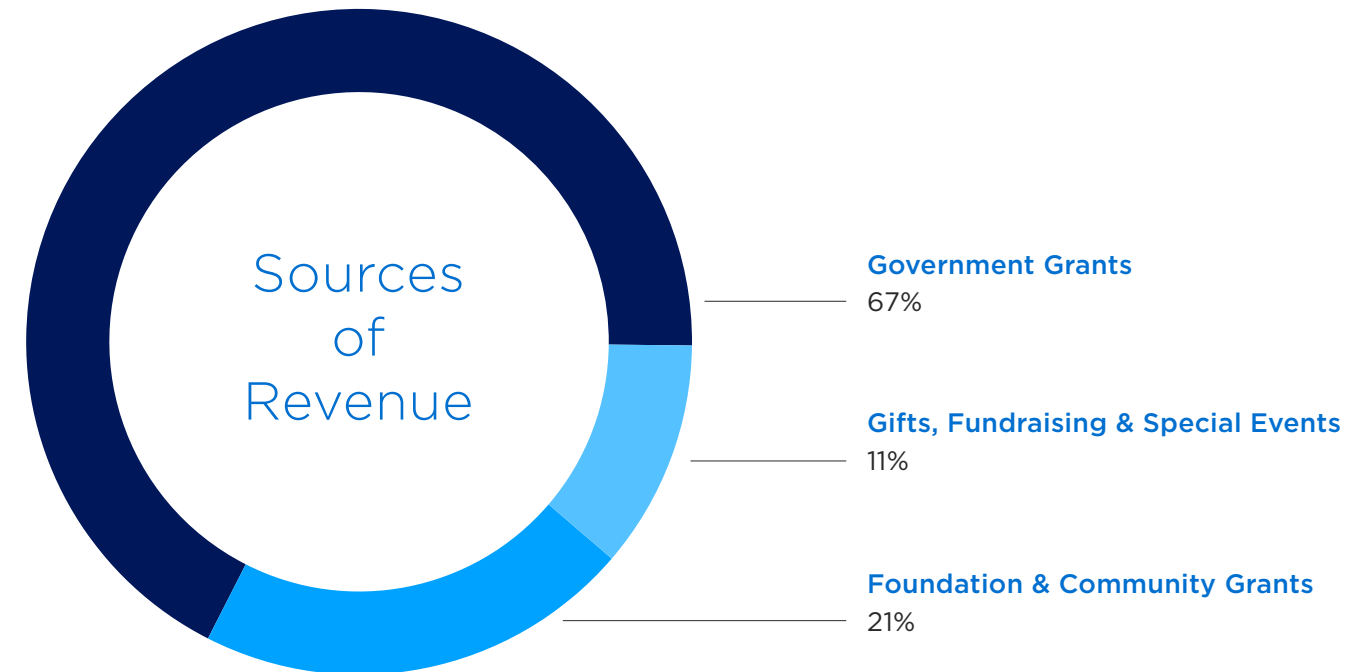
APIAHF's Washington, DC office has transitioned from its previous location at 1629 K Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006 to:

1444 I Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005.

Remember to mark your calendars and sign up for the [APIAHF email list](#) to receive reminders and updates regarding these events.

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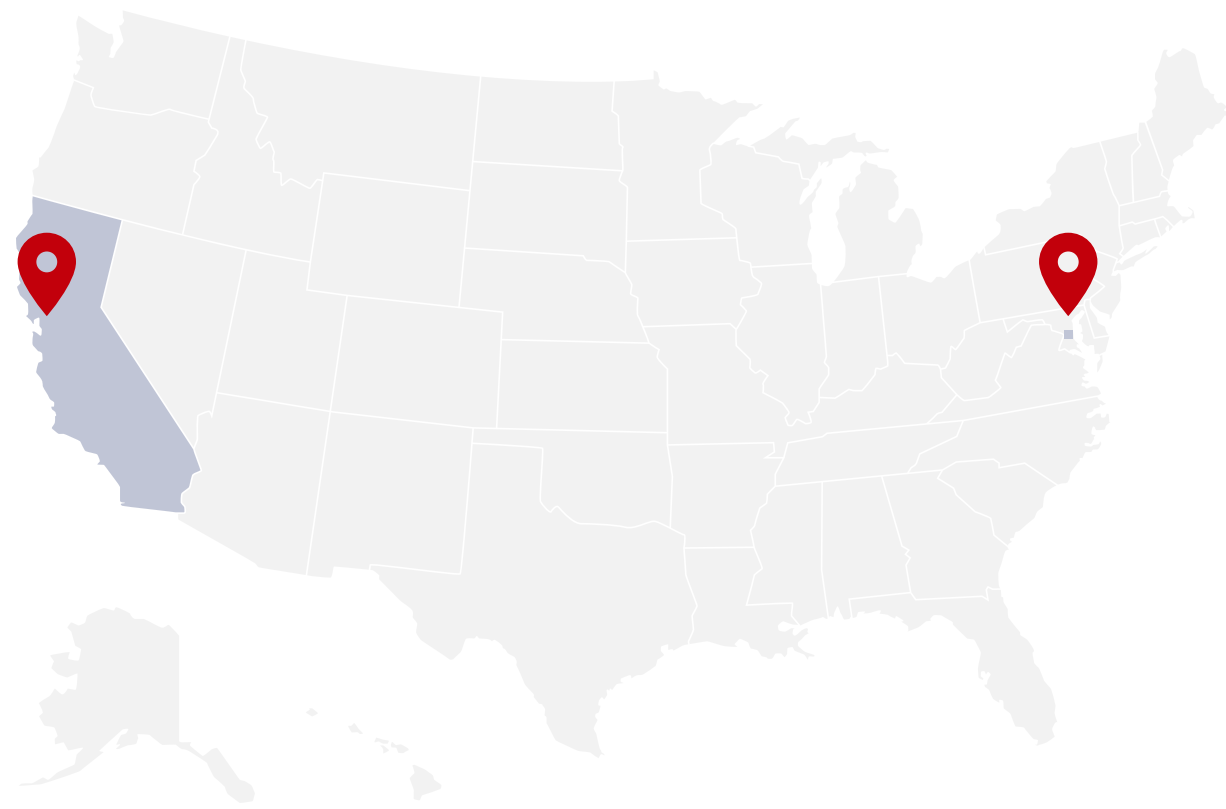
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