



\$5 Million in State Funding Available to Ethnic Media Groups for Hate Crime Outreach

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[Sacramento, Calif.] The California State Library seeks applications for \$5 million in grants from ethnic media outlets and organizations serving communities historically vulnerable to hate crimes and incidents.

Applicants may request between \$40,000 and \$400,000. For more information, go to <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/ethnic-media/>. Applications are due by 5:00 P.M. PST on Monday, March 14, 2022.

Funding for these grants comes from the historic Asian and Pacific Islander Equity Budget, which was sponsored by the API Legislative Caucus and signed into law by Gov. Newsom last year in response to a sharp rise in hate crimes and incidents.

The goal of these ethnic media grants is to raise awareness of the California Department of Social Services' [Stop the Hate Program](#), a key part of the API Equity Budget. Stop the Hate provides support and services to survivors of hate crimes and their families as well as promote community healing and cross-cultural collaboration.

According to a [report](#) released by the California Department of Justice, hate crimes – defined as crimes targeting victims because of their race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, gender or a disability – increased by 31 percent from 2019 to 2020.

The API Equity Budget includes a total of \$10 million for ethnic media outlets and organizations. The State Library will award at least \$5 million in this first round of funding. The remaining funds will be awarded in subsequent fiscal years of the three-year program.

This grant opportunity was created in collaboration with the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs.

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