

California State Library Awards Nearly \$6 Million in Grants to Ethnic Media Outlets

Funds will be used to raise awareness of services for survivors of hate crimes and incidents

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[Sacramento, Calif.] The State of California has awarded \$5,918,055 in grants to 50 ethnic media outlets and organizations serving communities that are historically vulnerable to hate incidents and hate crimes.

A joint venture of the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs and the California State Library, the <u>grant program</u> aims to build public awareness of the <u>Stop the Hate</u>

<u>Program</u> administered by the California Department of Social Services, which provides support and services to victims and survivors of hate incidents and hate crimes and works to prevent hate crimes or incidents from happening in the first place.

"Crimes targeting victims because of their race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, gender or a disability have no place in the state of California," said Gov. Gavin Newsom. "These grants will increase awareness of the valuable services provided by the Stop the Hate Program, reduce stigma surrounding the reporting of hate incidents, and promote community healing."

"The California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (API Caucus) and I pushed for these funds to help strengthen California's more than 350 ethnic media outlets," said Assemblymember Phil Ting, D-San Francisco. "We're looking forward to subsequent grant awards being even more helpful to more ethnic media outlets around the state."

Funding for this grant program was provided as part of the <u>Asian and Pacific Islander Equity Budget</u>, a three-year investment of \$166.5 million to fund critical resources and services in response to the sharp rise in hate incidents and hate crimes.

In addition to the \$110 million for programs by the Department of Social Services, the API Equity Budget included \$10 million in grants for ethnic media outlets to conduct effective, innovative, and culturally competent outreach and education to Asian, Pacific Islander and other populations impacted

by hate crimes and incidents. The State Library will award an additional \$5 million in grants to ethnic media outlets in subsequent fiscal years.

"The primary job of government is to ensure public safety, and our Asian American Pacific Islander communities continue to suffer from an unacceptable and distressing increase in hate crimes committed against our family members and neighbors," said State Senator Dr. Richard Pan, who chairs the API Caucus. "We are thankful for the Governor's support of these critical public safety investments to combat this rise in crimes against our AAPI communities, and excited for the partnership with media outlets to help stop the hate."

The grants will fund specialized reporters, fellowships, and internships at ethnic media outlets, news briefings and roundtables, digital and social media content, community gatherings and partnerships with grassroots organizations and Community Based Organizations. Grantees include media outlets and organizations serving California's Asian American and Pacific Islander, Latino, Black, Native American and LGBTQ+ communities.

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About CAPIAA: The California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA) elevates the political, economic, and social issues of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by contributing to and strengthening how state government addresses the needs, issues, and concerns of the diverse and complex Asian American and Pacific Islander American communities. <u>CAPIAA website</u>

Ethnic Media Outreach Grantees

Grant Award	Organization Name
\$100,000	Alianza Metropolitan News
\$100,000	Asian American Media, Inc.
\$100,000	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for Civic Empowerment Education Fund
\$99,160	BAR Media, Inc.
\$100,000	Brown Publishing LLC, dba Black Voice News
\$95,000	Burlington Community Services & Housing Development
\$400,000	California Black Media
\$100,000	Casa Circulo Cultural, Inc.
\$100,000	East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
\$52,000	East Palo Alto Center for Community Media
\$100,000	ETTV America Corporation
\$200,000	Everyday Impact Consulting
\$96,000	Focus On The Word
\$51,900	Hispanic LA, LLC
\$100,000	Huff Strategies, LLC
\$52,826	Independent Arts & Media
\$100,000	India Currents Foundation
\$59,741	Indian Voices
\$100,000	Jannelle So Productions, Inc.
\$90,000	JoongAngilbo USA, Inc., dba The Korea Daily
\$100,000	Khmer TV Inc.
\$100,000	KJC International, Inc.
\$100,000	La Opinión
\$400,000	Latino Media Collaborative
\$100,000	LGBTQ San Diego County News
\$100,000	Lincoln Broadcasting Company
\$91,306	Los Angeles Blade

\$100,000	Los Angeles News Publishing Company, dba The Rafu Shimpo
\$100,000	Major Market Broadcasting of California, Inc.
\$75,000	News for Chinese
\$96,000	Nichi Bei Foundation
\$100,000	Our Weekly
\$95,150	PACE NEWS, Inc.
\$100,000	Pearl Entertainment, Inc.
\$100,000	Philippines Today, LLC
\$100,000	PolybyDesign
\$88,000	Precinct Reporter Group
\$80,000	Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation
\$100,000	Saigon Broadcasting Television Network
\$85,000	San Francisco Bay View National Black Newspaper
\$398,702	San Francisco Study Center
\$44,770	San Joaquin Valley Media Alliance
\$100,000	Sing Tao Newspaper San Francisco LTD.
\$100,000	Sky Link TV
\$400,000	St. Barnabas Senior Services
\$100,000	SVI Channel
\$77,500	The San Fernando Valley Sun/el Sol Newspapers
\$100,000	Vida en el Valle
\$90,000	Vietnamese American Artists & Media Association
\$100,000	World Journal LA