



California State Library Awards Additional \$8.1 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 California State Library has awarded \$8.1 million in grants to 62 ethnic media outlets and media collaboratives serving communities impacted by hate incidents and hate crimes.

A joint venture with the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs, the grants aim to raise awareness of the [Stop the Hate Program](#) administered by the California Department of Social Services. The Stop the Hate Program helps survivors of hate incidents and hate crimes – and works to prevent those incidents from happening in the first place.

“It’s important that multilingual communities know we, as a state, are taking steps to address hate. Our investments in victim services and violence prevention programs say we see them and are prioritizing their needs. Partnerships with trusted ethnic media outlets help us get the word out about the new or expanded resources available,” said Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting (D-San Francisco).

According to the [2022 Hate Crime in California Report](#) released by California Attorney General Rob Bonta, crimes targeting victims because of their race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, gender or a disability increased nearly 33% from 2020 to 2021 and then an additional 20% from 2021 to 2022. As recently as March 2023, three Black Santa Monica residents were brutally assaulted by a man yelling racial slurs.

“Ethnic media outlets serve millions of Californians, acting as a lifeline to the state’s diverse communities,” said California State Librarian Greg Lucas. “Strengthening them helps all communities better respond to hate incidents and crimes.”

Funding for this grant program is part of the Asian and Pacific Islander Equity Budget, a one-time investment of \$166.5 million in critical resources and services that respond to the rise in hate incidents and hate crimes. The API Equity Budget included \$110 million for the Stop the Hate Program and \$15 million in grants for ethnic media outlets to conduct effective, innovative, and culturally competent outreach and education to Californians impacted by hate crimes and hate incidents.

This \$8.1 million is the second round of funding in the Ethnic Media Grant Outreach Program. In May 2022, the State Library awarded nearly \$6 million in grants to 50 ethnic media outlets and collaboratives.

Individual ethnic media outlets received up to \$100,000 in funding for 12-month projects. Ethnic media collaboratives received up to \$825,000 in funding for 18-month projects. 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. Grantees include media outlets and organizations serving California's Asian American and Pacific Islander, Latino, Black, Native American, Arab, Slavic and LGBTQ+ communities.

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About the State Library: Established in 1850, the California State Library is the central reference and research library for state government and the legislature. In addition to acting as a steward of California's history, the State Library is investing nearly \$500 million to modernize and renovate the state's 1,127 local libraries, bringing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to every California child under the age of 5, and building a statewide eBook library with diverse titles in 80 languages. [State Library website](#)

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. [CAPIAA website](#)

Ethnic Media Outreach Grantees

Organization Name	Amount Awarded
Alenteshar Newspaper	\$ 100,000
Alianza Metropolitan News	\$ 100,000
Asian American Media Inc	\$ 100,000
BAR Media, Inc.	\$ 100,000
Brown Publishing LLC, DBA Black Voice News	\$ 99,952
California Black Media	\$ 585,500
Casa Circulo Cultural .Inc	\$ 100,000
Crossings TV	\$ 100,000
Da Mau Foundation	\$ 96,132
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (EBSC)	\$ 100,000
East Palo Alto Center for Community Media	\$ 64,229
EDI Media Inc.	\$ 100,000
El Popular Inc	\$ 100,000
Everyday Impact Consulting, Filipino Ethnic Media Collaborative	\$ 398,395
Heyday	\$ 100,000
Hispanic LA, LLC	\$ 74,998
Hmong Daily News	\$ 52,382
Impulso	\$ 100,000
Independent Arts & Media (IAM)	\$ 100,000
India Currents Foundation	\$ 100,000
Indian Voices	\$ 83,875
Inland Valley News	\$ 94,600
Janelle So Productions, Inc.	\$ 100,000
Javanan Magazine	\$ 100,000
Joongangilbo USA, Inc. dba Korea Daily	\$ 100,000
Khmer TV Inc.	\$ 100,000
KJC International, Inc. DBA: US News Express	\$ 100,000
L.A. Focus	\$ 98,300
La Opinión	\$ 100,000
Latino Media Collaborative	\$ 823,275
Lincoln Broadcasting Company	\$ 100,000
Little Saigon TV Network, Inc	\$ 100,000
Los Angeles Blade	\$ 99,806
Los Angeles News Publishing Company, dba The Rafu Shimpo	\$ 100,000
MBC America	\$ 100,000
Myanmar Gazette	\$ 55,000
News for Chinese	\$ 100,000

Nichi Bei Foundation	\$	100,000
One Down LLC	\$	100,000
Our Weekly	\$	100,000
Outword Magazine Inc	\$	99,990
PACE News Inc	\$	93,500
Pearl Entertainment Inc.	\$	100,000
Philippines Today LLC	\$	100,000
PolyByDesign	\$	100,000
Positively Filipino, LLC	\$	100,000
Precinct Reporter Group	\$	63,800
RAGE Monthly Inc.	\$	100,000
Richmond Pulse	\$	100,000
Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation	\$	100,000
Saigon Broadcasting Television Network	\$	100,000
San Francisco Study Center, Ethnic Media Services	\$	818,215
San Joaquin Valley Media Alliance	\$	49,544
Sky Link TV	\$	100,000
SVI Channel	\$	100,000
The Immigrant Magazine Inc.	\$	99,000
The San Fernando Valley Sun/el Sol Newspapers	\$	90,293
Vietnamese American Artists & Media Association	\$	99,000
Warren Communications, Inc. DBA San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper	\$	99,998
World Journal LA	\$	100,000
World Journal SF LLC	\$	100,000
Wreactor, Slavic Sacramento	\$	87,945