

## **Program Name: Asian Community Fund 2026 Grant Program**

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#### **About the Asian Community Fund**

The Asian Community Fund (ACF) at the Boston Foundation is the first and only philanthropic fund in Massachusetts dedicated to activating, convening, and supporting the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Launched in 2020, ACF is a permanent resource designed to galvanize and unite the diverse ethnicities within our community, incubate new partnerships, and build a stronger advocacy voice.

#### **About this Application Cycle**

Through its grantmaking, ACF strives to catalyze new partnerships and expand the capacity of the local AAPI nonprofit, business, and cultural sectors. To this end, ACF encourages proposals that promote cross-agency partnerships, deepen collaboration with other communities, and expand and sustain community impact beyond a single event, workshop, or gathering. The Asian Community Fund's 2026 funding priorities are informed by the theme of uplifting *Survival, Solidarity, and Stability* and addressing the community's most urgent needs, including but not limited to: legal services and advocacy, food insecurity, economic stability, community well-being and belonging. **This grant application opens on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 and closes on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM.**

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicants must be 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations based in Massachusetts or have a qualifying fiscal agent with 501(c)3 status.
- Applicants will be evaluated based on the organization's mission and impact, alignment to ACF's funding priorities, and demonstrated track record of expanding AAPI visibility, collaboration, and community power.
- Organizations of all budget sizes are eligible to apply, but priority will be given to organizations with annual operating budgets under \$500,000.
- Priority will be given to organizations that serve underrepresented AAPI ethnicities and geographical regions in Massachusetts, and organizations that have not previously received funding from ACF/TBF. To ensure a broad distribution of resources, the Asian Community Fund may limit organizations to three consecutive years of funding before taking a one-year pause.

#### **Funding Considerations**

- Grants will be made **for general operating support** to organizations and/or projects that primarily serve the AAPI community in Massachusetts.

- Grant sizes will primarily range between \$5,000-\$25,000. At its discretion, ACF may consider making grants at different levels and durations. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by June 2026.
- Organizations that received funding from ACF in 2025 will be asked to provide a brief update on how the funds were spent. Those that are selected for funding in this year’s grantmaking cycle may be asked to share their experiences via a phone call and/or brief survey midway through the grant.
- Funding will support the following types of work:
  - **Survival:** Responding to the community’s most immediate needs and safeguarding essential services, legal rights, and wellbeing in a time of heightened vulnerability.
  - **Solidarity:** Fostering deep partnership and collective action across communities, sectors, and movements – especially with those most marginalized – to elevate mutual support, power building, and belonging.
  - **Stability:** Investing in the sustained health of organizations and systems by deepening organizational capacity and advancing equitable, long-term solutions for residents now and into the future.

**Ineligible Requests**

- Projects that will primarily benefit individuals or communities outside of Massachusetts;
- Event sponsorships; campaign capital requests; construction costs;
- Endowments; medical or academic research; sectarian or religious activities; and efforts to support candidates for political office;
- Hardship funding requests that benefit specific individuals or communities; and
- Scholarship programs, ticket sales, or admission fees.

For additional information, please visit [tbf.org/acf](http://tbf.org/acf). If you have any questions about this grant opportunity, please contact Danielle Kim at [danielle.kim@tbf.org](mailto:danielle.kim@tbf.org).

Contact Information for Executive Director/Head of Organization
* Head of Organization Prefix
-- Select One --
* Head of Organization First Name
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Head of Organization Middle Name

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**\* Head of Organization Last Name**

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**\* Head of Organization Title**

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**\* Head of Organization Phone**

**Head of Organization Phone Extension**

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**\* Head of Organization Email Address**

**\* Is the Grant Application contact the same as the Head of the Organization?**

Yes

No

Contact Person for this Application

**\* Contact Person Prefix**

-- Select One --

**\* Contact First Name**

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**Contact Middle Name**

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**\* Contact Last Name**

25 characters left

**\* Contact Title**

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**\* Contact Phone**

**Contact Phone Extension**

**\* Contact Email Address**

**Financial Information**

**\* Actual Total Revenue Amount for last completed fiscal year**

**\* Actual Total Expense Amount for last completed fiscal year**

**Organizational Information**

**\* Organization Mission Statement**

Please limit your response to one (1) to two (2) sentences, the next question, "Organization Description," allows space to expand upon your mission statement.

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**\* Organization Description**

Please use this space to expand on your organization's mission and vision, history, key programs, and recent achievements.

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**\* Organization Website**

**\* Year Founded**

**\* City/Town Located**

**\* Focus Areas**

Which of these programmatic areas align most closely with your organization's work? (Select all that apply)

Arts & Culture

Business support

Civic engagement

Education/youth

Leadership development

Mental health

Other

**\* If Other, please specify**

**\* Have you previously received funding from the Asian Community Fund or the Boston Foundation?**

--Select One--

Yes

No

**(IF SELECTED YES ABOVE) Previous Year Impact**

If you received funding from ACF in 2025, how was the grant used and what impact did it have on your organization and the communities that you serve?

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**\* Grant Purpose**

How will this 2026 grant serve and strengthen AAPI residents in Massachusetts? Please describe how the funds will be used. All grants will be made for general operating support.

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**\* Impact Evaluation**

What would success look like for this proposal? Please describe your organization's capacity, experience, and systems to successfully implement the proposed project/activities.

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**\* Collaboration**

How will you engage other organizations, stakeholders, and communities as partners in this proposal? What collaborations have you forged, or will you secure, to carry out these efforts?

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**\* Project Alignment**

How does this proposal connect to this grant opportunity's theme of uplifting *Survival, Solidarity, and Stability* for AAPI residents in Massachusetts?

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### This Request

**\* Amount Requested**

**\* Would you like the Foundation to share your application with other potential donors?**

The Boston Foundation has a large community of donors who support organizations across a wide variety of sectors and issue areas. The Foundation is exploring opportunities to share select Asian Community Fund Grants applications with Boston Foundation donors in specific areas of interest to them, with the goal of potentially obtaining donor support for some programs. Please select NO in the box below if you prefer that the Foundation not share your application with our donor community; please select YES if you give the Foundation permission to share your application with our donor community.

Yes

No

**(IF SELECTED YES ABOVE) \*2026 Request Summary**

In 1 or 2 sentences, describe how this grant will support your organization's work towards your overall mission. Your response to this question may appear on our donor portal.

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### Demographics

*The following questions are for informational purposes only and will not positively or negatively impact the funding decision.*

**\* How many people work in your organization?**

**\* Number of Full-Time Staff**

**\* Number of Part-Time Staff**

**\* Do you regularly collect any of the following demographic data from staff (at least once per year)?**

Select all that apply.

Race and/or ethnicity

Gender identity

Sexual orientation

Disability status

None of the above

**\* Race/ethnicity of Executive Director or head of organization**

Select all that apply.

African/African American / Black/Afro Caribbean / Person of African Descent

American Indian / Alaska Native / Indigenous / Native American

Asian / Asian American / Southeast Asian / South Asian / Asian Descent

European American/Eastern European/White

Latinx / Latino/Latina / Hispanic

Middle Eastern / Arab / North African

Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander

Other

Prefer not to answer

We do not have the capacity to collect this information

**\* Gender identity of Executive Director or head of organization**

Cisgender Female [1]

Cisgender Male [1]

Transgender Female [2]

Transgender Male [2]

Gender non-conforming/ non-binary/ gender queer

Two-Spirit [3]

Other

Prefer not to answer

We do not have the capacity to collect this information

**\* Sexual orientation of Executive Director or head of organization**

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Asexual

Heterosexual or Straight

Other

Prefer not to answer

We do not have the capacity to collect this information

**\* Disability status of Executive Director or head of organization**

Person with a disability

Non-disabled person or person not living with a disability

Prefer not to answer

We do not have the capacity to collect this information

**\* Is your organization BIPOC-led?**

BIPOC in this case is Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, including those of Asian American; East, Southeast, South, Central, and West Asian; Native Hawaiian; and Pacific Islander descent.

A BIPOC-led organization has a mission statement and/or programs that aim to serve predominantly BIPOC communities, and one or more of the following:

- Executive Director or Senior Leadership (decision makers) identifies as BIPOC
- At least 51% of the board of directors identifies as BIPOC

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

We do not have the capacity to collect this information

**\* Is your organization BIPOC-staffed?**

BIPOC in this case is Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, including those of Asian American; East, Southeast, South, Central, and West Asian; Native Hawaiian; and Pacific Islander descent.

A BIPOC-staffed organization has a mission statement and/or programs that aim to serve predominantly BIPOC communities and, at least 51% of the non-senior-leadership staff and volunteers identify as BIPOC.

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

We do not have the capacity to collect this information

**\* Demographics Narrative**

You are welcome to use this space to describe the demographic composition and lived experience of your board, staff, and volunteers, and/or provide additional details on your organization's commitment to representative leadership that is not already mentioned in your application. Please write N/A if you do not wish to provide anything here.

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**Fiscal Sponsor Agreement**

If your organization is fiscally sponsored, please provide a fiscal sponsor letter/agreement.