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Dear Friends:

The Asian Giving Circle (AGC) is pleased to announce the 19th Annual Request for Proposals (RFP). The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of AGC and to outline (a) the priority funding areas identified by AGC and (b) the grant application process.

About AGC

Founded in 2002, the Asian Giving Circle (AGC) is a grassroots philanthropic project that supports Asian and Pacific Islander-led (API) nonprofits in Chicagoland. AGC is composed of members (i.e. donors) that are committed to pooling and directing their financial resources to organizations that are advancing social justice. AGC is designed and dedicated to be responsive to the current issues facing API communities - a landscape of communities that is incredibly diverse, composed of more than 30 ethnic groups speaking hundreds of languages and dialects

To date, AGC has contributed more than \$750,000 to nonprofit organizations serving API communities in the Chicago region. AGC is one of the oldest active giving circles for API communities and originally started as part of the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) Giving Circle Network.

AGC believes that giving is an act that can transform ourselves and our communities to build the world we need now. While AGC intentionally directs resources to API-led organizations due to [continued histories of disinvestment](#), we believe our work and the work we support, must support, be informed by, and add value to broader struggles for liberation.

2023 Funding Priorities

In 2023, **AGC will be granting unrestricted gifts of \$8,000 each to 10 community-led, community-focused organizations whose purpose is to enable individuals, families, and communities to achieve improvement in their well-being.** You can think of well-being in eight dimensions: physical, emotional, social, intellectual, environmental, spiritual, vocational, and financial.

Eligible Organizations

Metropolitan Chicago area organizations that serve API communities are eligible to apply, but **priority will be given to organizational budgets smaller than \$300,000.**

AGC prioritizes initiatives that center the leadership and vision of impacted communities, including undocumented immigrants, people of color, low-income families, refugees, LGBTQ individuals, low-wage workers, Muslims, those who lack health care access, people with disabilities/disabled people, adoptees, youth, elders, women, and many more.

The following are the required criteria for organizations applying for AGC funds:

- Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status. Fiscal sponsors are allowable with accompanying fiscal agent sponsor agreement.
- Organizations that serve and/or engage Asian American and Pacific Islander communities (including Filipino/a/x American, Southeast Asian American, South Asian American/Desi, Central Asian American, and East Asian American, West Asian, Native Hawaiians, Chamorro, Tongan, Samoan, etc.) in the Chicago Metropolitan Area (defined as Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will Counties).
- All new and previously funded applicants are welcome to apply as long as they meet the above criteria.

The Asian Giving Circle funds cannot support: scholarships or fellowships; private or public educational institutions; religious organizations for religious purposes; political parties or political action committees; capital campaigns or endowments; hospitals; or government or municipal agencies.

Grant Application Process

In recognizing the time an application takes, we request that to be considered you complete a short application via GrantCentral, The Chicago Community Trust's grants portal. To access an application, grant seekers must log into GrantCentral at <https://community-cct.force.com/grantcentral/login>.

All new applicants must complete an Organization Profile, which is on the last tab within their GrantCentral account. If the Organization Profile was completed for a previous funding opportunity, it must be reviewed, updated, and certified prior to application submission.

Sponsored organizations without 501(c)(3) status must identify their fiscal sponsor as soon as possible and ask them to complete an organization profile in GrantCentral prior to the sponsored organization's application submission. Fiscal sponsors must log in and complete and certify an organization profile in GrantCentral at <https://community-cct.force.com/grantcentral/login> prior to application submission. An MOU confirming the project's relationship with the fiscal sponsor is also required as part of the grant application.

To be considered for a grant, please apply before midnight by June 29, 2023.

The AGC Grantmaking Committee (a group of volunteer AGC members) will review applications to determine eligibility and alignment with the 2023 funding priorities in June through August of 2023. Grants will be expected to be announced and awarded between August and September 2023.

For other questions, please contact us at asiangivingcircle@gmail.com. If you'd like to be included in an email list for updates and FAQs for this opportunity, please fill out [this interest form](#). Technical assistance, issues with the grants portal, etc, should be directed to grants@cct.org.

In Community,
The Asian Giving Circle

Asian Giving Circle 2023 Application (You must apply in the system to be considered)

Application Summary (required)

Grant Request Amount (required)

Please select the grant term (required)

How does your organization meet the needs and opportunities defined in the RFP or as discussed with your program contact? (required) *Do not use the following symbols () % # " % : *

How does your organization's work serve and advance AAPI communities? (required)