



## FY 2012 Analysis of Discretionary Giving to Asian Pacific Americans

The 13% and Growing Coalition is a group of over 45 Asian led and serving organizations in New York City aiming for a fair budget to protect the most vulnerable Asian Pacific American (APA) New Yorkers. Coalition members employ thousands of New Yorkers and serve hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers. We advocate for improved youth, aging, women, low-income, health and immigrant services.

**Purpose of Policy Brief:** This policy brief provides an overview of the current status of funding to various APA communities around New York City by taking a glimpse at City Council discretionary funding and various APA populations that are increasing in each borough. We want to thank the City Council for their support in FY 2012, and also highlight community based organizations (CBOs) that are currently serving emerging populations of APAs. For FY 2013, we would like to work with City Council to increase funding to Asian led CBOs so that they can continue to serve the growing needs of our community, and increase levels of service where needed. We looked at a combination of data that we analyzed from publicly available FY 2012 budget documents, the Asian American Federation's Census Information Center's *Profile of New York City's Asian Americans: 2005-2007*, Asian Americans for Equality's report *Distinct Places – Shared Opportunities: A Neighborhood Based Analysis of Asian Americans in New York City*, and Chhaya Community Development Corporation's report *Deepening Roots and Creating Space: Building a Better Future for New York's South Asians*.

**Demographics:** APAs are, by percentage, the fastest growing group in the country, nearly doubling every decade since 1970. In fact, New York City has the largest APA population of any U.S. city making up 13% of the City's population. This large and diverse population includes people from over 40 cultures and ethnic groups who speak more than 150 languages and dialects.

- In New York City, **17%** of all APAs are living in poverty, **26%** of APA seniors live in poverty, and **1 out of 2** APA children is born into poverty.
- The median per capita income for NYC is \$30,337, while the median per capita income for APAs is lower at **\$25,414**. This is **half** of the per capita income for NYC White, Non-Hispanics.
- APAs have the highest rate (**28%**) of linguistic isolation of any racial group, meaning that no one over the age of 14 in a household speaks English well or at all.
- **1,038,388** APAs make up **13%** of the total NYC population, representing a **32% growth since 2000**.

**Inequities:** Despite these needs, the APA community does not receive a fair share of public and private resources. **APAs receive only 0.24% of the City's Social Service Contracting Dollars and only 0.38% of the City's foundation grant dollars.** 13% and Growing Coalition has been working closely with the New York City Council to ensure that APAs receive increased amounts of both City Council Discretionary funding and City Council Initiative funding. With support from the majority of the City Council, we accomplished increases for the APA community in both funding streams.

Why Asian led and Asian serving groups are important

New York City government often partners with nonprofit organizations to provide direct human service programs. Such programs, such as workforce development, health care, child care, and senior services are critical in reducing poverty and increasing well being in communities. In the APA community, where the population is quickly growing, these services become increasingly critical.

In New York City, CBOs in the APA community provide much of the existing system of care because of the “3D’s” of dedication, design, and delivery they are able to provide to their communities.

- **Delivery** – Program service delivered by staff persons who understand the language and culture of the target community, and are in touch with the emerging community needs.
- **Design** – If the right people are on the frontline delivering services, there must also be culturally competent people at program directorship and management levels to understand the community in order to shape our program design and implement impact measurement that are relevant to the target community.
- **Dedication** – There must be a meaningful representation of culturally responsive individuals at board and management leadership levels that can commit the organization to design and deliver relevant services to the target community. Dedication ensures that the organization is part of the community, so they hunker down and commit organizational resources to continue to serve the community at all times.

A Citywide Snapshot of City Council Discretionary & Initiative Funding to Asian led groups

*City Council Discretionary Funding* – **Asian led groups have received \$987,825 in Council Discretionary Funding** through individual member items in the FY 2012 budget, which represents a 27% increase from last year. We thank our allies on the City Council for their support of Asian led organizations. However, **this total is only 2% of the \$49.6 million in total City Council discretionary funding.**

FY 2011	FY 2012
\$711,332 in discretionary funding	\$987,825 in discretionary funding
38 Asian-led organizations	43 Asian-led organizations
1.4% of discretionary funding	2% of discretionary funding

*City Council Initiative Funding* - The FY 2012 budget allocated over \$336 million in Initiative Funding to agencies and the City Council. Examples of key initiatives for the APA community include the Immigrant Opportunities Initiative (IOI) and Adult Literacy. **Asian led groups have received \$945,303 in total Initiative Funding**, which represents a 35% increase from last year. We are grateful for the increase in these dire times. However, **this total is only 0.28% of total initiative funding from City Council and City Agencies.**

FY 2011	FY 2012
\$612,527 in initiative funding	\$945,303 in initiative funding
12 Asian-led organizations	16 Asian-led organizations
0.17% of initiative funding	0.28% of initiative funding

In addition to the communities that have historically been viewed as APA strongholds, for FY 2013 we would like to highlight those districts that have budding APA communities, and thus, emerging needs. Many of these communities are being served by existing Asian led CBOs that exist closeby, or many community members travel to receive services from CBOs that can provide culturally competent and linguistically accessible services.

We hope to continue our work with the City Council in ensuring that the APA community continues to receive increases in both discretionary and initiative funding in FY 2013. The existence of culturally competent, linguistically appropriate, and immigrant accessible services is a unique strength of Asian-led providers in their communities. The future of the APA population is directly correlated with the future of New York City. We look forward to our continued work with the City Council to address the needs of the fastest growing community in New York.

### **13% and Growing Coalition Member Organizations**

Adhikaar ▪ Andolan - Organizing South Asian Workers ▪ APEX ▪ Arab American Family Support Center ▪ Asian American Arts Alliance ▪ Asian Americans for Equality ▪ Asian American Federation ▪ Asian Outreach Clinic, Child Center of New York ▪ Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS ▪ Asian Youth Center of NY ▪ Center for the Integration and Advancement of New Americans ▪ Chhaya CDC ▪ Chinatown Manpower Project ▪ Chinese-American Planning Council ▪ Chinese Progressive Association ▪ Coalition for Asian American Children & Families (co-lead) ▪ Council of Peoples Organization ▪ Damayan Migrant Workers Association ▪ Desis Rising Up and Moving ▪ Family Health Project ▪ Filipino American Human Services, Inc. ▪ Greater Chinatown Community Association ▪ Hamilton Madison House ▪ Homecrest Community Services ▪ Indochina Sino-American Community Center ▪ Immigrant Social Services ▪ Kalusugan Coalition, Inc. ▪ Korean American Family Service Center ▪ Korean American League for Civic Action ▪ Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York, Inc. ▪ Korean Family Counseling and Research Center ▪ Lower East Side Family Union ▪ MAAWS for Global Welfare, Inc. ▪ MinKwon Center for Community Action (co-lead) ▪ New York Asian Women's Center ▪ New York Coalition for Asian American Mental Health ▪ NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health ▪ NYU South Asian Health Initiative ▪ SAKHI for South Asian Women ▪ Sikh Coalition ▪ South Asian Council for Social Services ▪ South Asian Youth Action ▪ Turning Point for Women and Families ▪ United Chinese Association of Brooklyn ▪ United Hindu Council Senior Center ▪ United Sikhs ▪ Women for Afghan Women ▪ YWCA of Queens

*(List in formation as of April 3, 2012)*

# I. Current High APA Population Boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens

Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens have large and diverse Asian Pacific American (APA) populations throughout each respective borough. While Manhattan is most renowned for its Chinatown, there has been a steady increase of APAs in other parts of the borough. Brooklyn and Queens boast populations from all over Asia and the Pacific Islands – from the fastest growing Chinese population in Bensonhurst, to the South Asian enclaves in central Queens, to the burgeoning Bangladeshi neighborhoods in Brooklyn. In addition to the high population of APAs that reside there, the highest concentration of Asian led and Asian serving community based organizations (CBOs) are spread through Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens. Thus, APAs are living, working, and building communities throughout all three boroughs.

## Manhattan

**Of the \$6,134,240 in City Council Discretionary Dollars given in Manhattan, only \$105,861<sup>1</sup>, or 1.7% was given to Asian Led Organizations.**

### *The APA Population in Manhattan*

- The APA population in Manhattan has grown by **24%** since 2000, accounting for **11%** of all Manhattan residents.
- Chinatown has the **second-largest** community of APAs by district in the City.
- APA per capita income of **\$29,583** was lower than the overall Manhattan figure of \$42,922.
- **33%** of elderly APAs, as opposed to 19% of all Manhattan seniors, live in poverty.

### *District by District Analysis*

On the next page is 13% and Growing Coalition’s analysis of discretionary giving in the 10 Manhattan City Council Districts. We focused on those with a significant population (12% or greater) of APAs in the district which are highlighted in **bold**.

District	Neighborhoods <sup>2</sup>	% APA living in District	Total Discretionary Dollars to Asian-Led Organizations	Total Discretionary Dollars	% Given to Asian-Led Organizations	Number of Asian Led Groups Funded
1	<b>SoHo, NoHo, TriBeCa, Washington Square South, South Village, Battery Park City, Wall Street, South Street Seaport, City Hall area, Little Italy, Chinatown, Lower East Side</b>	<b>42.32%</b>	<b>\$95,250</b>	<b>\$435,464</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Amount includes City Council Manhattan Delegation Dollars, but does not include Speaker’s List funding or private sources.

<sup>2</sup> These are the neighborhoods in each district per the City Council Website (<http://council.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>)

2	Lower East Side, East Village, Gramercy Park, Rosehill, Kips Bay, Southern Part of Murray Hill	13.32%	\$0	\$419,664	N/A	N/A
3	Greenwich Village, Chelsea, Midtown, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen, Portions of Murray Hill	11.19%	\$0	\$847,464	N/A	N/A
4	Upper East Side, Central Park South, Grand Central, Tudor City, Waterside, Peter Cooper Village, Carnegie Hill, Stuyvesant Town, United Nations, part of Yorkville, Turtle Bay	9.37%	\$0	\$460,464	N/A	N/A
5	Beekman, Sutton Place, Upper East Side, Yorkville, Roosevelt Island; Parts of Turtle Bay, Carnegie Hill	8.45%	\$0	\$790,964	N/A	N/A
6	West Side – 55 <sup>th</sup> to 96 <sup>th</sup> Streets	7.26%	\$0	\$403,464	N/A	N/A
7	Parts of: West Harlem, Washington Heights, Inwood, Central Harlem and Morningside Heights	2.50%	\$0	\$735,464	N/A	N/A
8	Manhattan Valley, East Harlem; Part of Mott Haven in the Bronx	5.06%	\$0	\$613,714	N/A	N/A
9	Central Harlem, parts of Morningside Heights, Upper West Side, East Harlem	4.82%	\$0	\$942,114	N/A	N/A
10	Washington Heights, Inwood, Marble Hill	1.63%	\$0	\$484,464	N/A	N/A

### ***Growing Pockets of APAs in Manhattan***

- The Asian Indian segment in the area grew by **77%**, Vietnamese **60%**, and minority Asian segment, including Hmong, Cambodian, and Laotians by **70%**.
- In East Harlem South and East Harlem North (parts of City Council Districts 8 and 9), there has been an **83.2%** and **238.7%** increase, respectively, in the APA population since 2000.

## ***Discretionary Dollars at work in Manhattan***

### *Chinatown Manpower Project (CMP)*

Since 1972, CMP's mission has been to promote economic self-sufficiency by providing vocational training, employment services, educational programs, and economic development programs to low-income immigrants and refugees in New York City. Through discretionary funding in the last few years, CMP has been able to serve approximately 500 adults and youth with literacy, work readiness, and job placement programs. CMP is currently supporting an influx of newly arrived immigrants who are taking English as a Second Language classes, are joining work readiness programs, underemployment, and trying to understand the American financial system.

### *Asian Professional Extension (APEX)*

APEX recruits professionals to volunteer and serve as mentors and teachers to underserved youth from lower income Asian American communities in New York City. Through one-on-one mentoring, affordable test preparation classes, and out-of-school-time programs that provide sustained engagement for students from fourth to twelfth grade, APEX cultivates meaningful relationships with role models who inspire youth to create and achieve their goals. Discretionary funding from Council Member Margaret Chin's office in FY 2012 was used to take 25 students living in Manhattan's Chinatown to La Roche College in Pittsburgh, PA for an intensive four-day basketball camp. For many of the students, the trip was a first on two fronts: leaving the city and visiting a college campus. Not only did they improve their basketball skills and teamwork, they were inspired by the new experience and expressed motivation to do well in school and go to college. APEX is seeing the need for increased programs to youth which would help with communication and self-confidence, test preparation, and parental guidance and/or mentoring.

## Brooklyn

**Of the \$10,680,524 in City Council Discretionary Dollars given in Brooklyn, only \$337,875<sup>3</sup>, or 3.16% was given to Asian Led Organizations**

### *The APA Population in Brooklyn*

- The APA population in Brooklyn grew **41%** since 2000, accounting for **11%** of Brooklyn’s population.
- Of Brooklyn’s APA adults, **42%** had not graduated from high school.
- **61%** of APA working-age adults and **80%** of APA senior citizens are limited English proficient, compared with 25% and 30% of corresponding borough-wide populations.
- **34%** of the borough’s APA children live in poverty. **25%** of Brooklyn’s elderly APAs are impoverished—a higher rate than the 22% for senior citizens borough-wide.

### *District by District Analysis*

Below is 13% and Growing Coalition’s analysis of discretionary giving in the 16 Brooklyn City Council Districts. We focused on those with a significant population (12% or greater) of APAs in the district which are highlighted in **bold**.

District	Neighborhoods <sup>4</sup>	% APA living in District	Total Discretionary Dollars to Asian-Led Organizations	Total Discretionary Dollars	% Given to Asian-Led Organizations	Number of Asian Led Groups Funded
33	Brooklyn Heights, Greenpoint; Parts of Williamsburg, Park Slope, Boerum Hill	4.84%	\$0	\$655,464	N/A	N/A
34	Williamsburg and Bushwick, Brooklyn; Ridgewood, Queens	6.23%	\$0	\$637,464	N/A	N/A
35	Clinton Hill, Fort Greene; parts of Crowne Heights, Prospect Heights, Bedford-Stuyvesant	3.74%	\$0	\$481,964	N/A	N/A
36	Bedford-Stuyvesant, Crown Heights	1.71%	\$0	\$711,964	N/A	N/A
37	East New York, Bushwick, Cypress Hills, City Line, Ocean Hill-Brownsville, Wyckhoff Heights	5.70%	\$0	\$864,464	N/A	N/A

<sup>3</sup> Amount includes City Council Brooklyn Delegation Dollars, but does not include Speaker’s List Funding or private sources.

<sup>4</sup> These are the neighborhoods in each district per the City Council Website (<http://council.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>)

38	<b>Bay Ridge Towers, Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Waterfront, Gowanus Houses, Park Slope, Red Hook, Sunset Park, Windsor Terrace, Wycoff Gardens</b>	25.02%	\$120,000	\$628,464	19.1%	2
39	Cobble Hill, Caroll Gardens, Columbia Waterfront, Park Slope, Gowanus, Windsor Terrace, Kensington, Boro Park	11.90%	\$20,000	\$460,464	4.3%	5
40	Kensington, Prospect-Lefferts, Ditmas Park, parts of Crown Heights, Flatbush, East Flatbush	3.56%	\$6,000	\$597,964	1.1%	1
41	Parts of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Ocean Hill-Brownsville, East Flatbush	0.76%	\$0	\$406,464	N/A	N/A
42	Parts of East New York, Brownsville, East Flatbush, Canarsie	2.52%	\$0	\$399,464	N/A	N/A
43	<b>Bay Ridge, Bath Beach, Dyker Heights, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach</b>	20.12%	\$18,500	\$410,464	4.5%	5
44	<b>Borough park, Midwood, Bensonhurst</b>	16.08%	\$62,000	\$555,464	11.2%	5
45	Flatbush, East Flatbush, Flatlands, parts of Midwood and Canarsie	1.99%	\$5,000	\$471,464	1.1%	1
46	Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Georgetowne, Starrett City, Flatlands, Futurama, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Mill Island, Gerritsen Beach, Madison, Sheepshead Bay	4.70%	\$7,000	\$1,235,464	0.6%	2
47	<b>Coney Island, Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Brighton Beach</b>	16.03%	\$38,000	\$1,632,564	2.3%	4



48	Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay, Madison and Midwood	14.27%	\$44,500	\$560,964	7.9%	2
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***Growing Pockets of APAs in Brooklyn***

- **1 out of 3 residents of Bensonhurst** (parts of City Council Districts 43, 44, and 47) are APA.
- **26.3% of residents in Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace** (parts of City Council districts 38 and 39) are APA.
- As of the 2010 Census, **17% of New York City’s South Asians live in Brooklyn.**

***Discretionary Dollars at Work in Brooklyn***

*Council of Peoples Organization (COPO)*

COPO was started in the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy as a result of the backlash being faced by South Asians in Central Brooklyn. Currently, COPO primarily serves Muslim South Asian residents. COPO’s mission is to assist low income immigrant families to reach their full potential as Americans by helping them advocate for their rights and understand their responsibilities. Additionally, COPO helps to build community relations among the Muslim and non-Muslim communities through generating understanding and respect. Discretionary funding has specifically helped support COPO’s youth and adult literacy programs. Currently, COPO is seeing the South Asian community struggle with racial profiling and selective immigration enforcement, on top of pre-9/11 problems of poverty, working below minimum wage, substandard housing, English proficiency, and barriers to health care.

*Chhaya Community Development Corporation (Chhaya CDC)*

Based in Jackson Heights, Queens, Chhaya CDC creates stable and sustainable communities by increasing civic participation and addressing the housing and community development needs of New Yorkers of South Asian origin and their neighbors. Since 2000, Chhaya CDC has been providing services to residents of Queens with the help of discretionary funding. Currently, Kensington, Brooklyn is experiencing a surge in its Bangladeshi population, which is also the fastest growing South Asian population in New York City, with a 90% growth over the last ten years. In FY 2012, Chhaya CDC was able to serve community members in Brooklyn, thanks in part to funding from Council Member Lander which supported tenant organizing efforts in Kensington. In this particular building, seventeen tenants had been negotiating for better housing conditions and lower rent with their landlord for over six months. Currently, New York City’s Bangladeshi immigrants are struggling with job placement and finding suitable housing.

## Queens

**Of the \$8,347,637 in City Council Discretionary Dollars given in Queens, only \$358,214<sup>5</sup>, or 4.3% was given to Asian Led organizations.**

### *The APA Population in Queens*

- **50%** of APA working-age adults and **71%** of elderly APAs are limited English proficient, compared with 31% and 26% of corresponding borough-wide populations.
- **20%** of APA senior citizens are impoverished; Queens overall poverty rate for seniors is 13%.
- The APA population in Queens has grown by **31%** since 2000 despite almost stagnant overall growth in the borough, making up **23%** of all residents in Queens.

### *District by District Analysis*

Below is 13% and Growing Coalition's analysis of discretionary giving in the 14 Queens City Council Districts. We focused on those with a significant population (12% or greater) of APAs in the district which are highlighted in **bold**.

The borough of Queens has the highest concentration of high APA population districts in New York City. 11 out of 14 of the districts have between 13%-53% of APAs in their districts.

District	Neighborhoods <sup>6</sup>	% APA living in District	Total Discretionary Dollars to Asian-Led Organizations	Total Discretionary Dollars	% Given to Asian-Led Organizations	Number of Asian Led Groups Funded
<b>19</b>	<b>Bayside, College Point, Auburndale, Beechhurst, Bay Terrace, Flushing, Douglaston, Little Neck</b>	<b>24.99%</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$415,321</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Flushing, Queensboro Hill, Mitchell Park, Kissena Park, Harding Heights, Auburndale, part of Whitestone</b>	<b>53.29%</b>	<b>\$150,964</b>	<b>\$418,821</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Corona, Elmhurst, East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights</b>	<b>16.38%</b>	<b>\$32,000</b>	<b>\$539,221</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Astoria, Long Island City; parts of Jackson Heights, Rikers, Randalls and Wards Islands</b>	<b>13.31%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$688,321</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<sup>5</sup> Amount includes City Council Queens Delegation Dollars, but does not include Speaker's List funding or private sources.

<sup>6</sup> These are the neighborhoods in each district per the City Council Website (<http://council.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>)

23	Hollis Hills, Queens Village, Little Neck, Douglaston, Bayside, Bellerose, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, New Hyde Park, Hollis, Hollis Park Gardens, Holliswood, Fresh Meadows, Oakland Gardens	29.84%	\$37,500	\$560,321	6.5%	6
24	Briarwood, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Hillcrest Estates, Jamaica Estates, Kew Gardens Hills, Utopia Estates, and parts of Forest Hills, Flushing, Jamaica and Rego Park	28.94%	\$5,000	\$560,321	0.9%	1
25 <sup>7</sup>	Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, East Elmhurst, Rego Park, Woodside, Corona	30.97%	\$57,250	\$529,321	10.8%	12
26	Woodside, Sunnyside, Long Island City, Astoria, Maspeth	24.89%	\$7,000	\$526,421	1.3%	2
27	St. Albans, Hollis, Cambria Heights, Jamaica, Baisley Park, Addisleigh Park, parts of Queens Village, Rosedale, Springfield Gardens	7.97%	\$25,500	\$1,117,121	2.3%	5
28	Jamaica, Rochdale Village, Richmond Hill	14.70%	\$8,500	\$584,821	1.5%	2
29	Forest Hills, Rego Park, Kew Gardens; parts of Maspeth, Richmod, Elmhurst	25.01%	\$11,500	\$531,264	2.2%	3
30	Glendale, Maspeth, Middle Village, Richmond Hill, Ridgewood, Woodhaven	6.97%	\$5,000	\$664,715	0.8%	1
31	Rosedale, Laurelton, Springfield Gardens, Far Rockaway, Arverne, Bayswater, Edgemere	3.62%	N/A	\$588,321	N/A	N/A

<sup>7</sup> Updated data from Council Members Office

32	Howard Beach, Ozone Park, South Ozone Park, Hamilton Beach, Lindenwood, South Richmond Hill, Woodhaven, Richmond Hill, Broad Channel, Rockaway Beach, Rockaway Park, Neponsit, Belle Harbor, Breezy Point	15.63%	\$10,000	\$603,321	1.7%	1
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***Growing Pockets of APAs in Queens***

- The **Chinese population** has grown by **43%**, **Filipino community by 25%**, **Japanese community by 25%**, and **minority APAs, including the Hmong, Cambodian, Laotian communities, by 97%** since 2000.
- **4 out of the top 5 community districts** with the largest APA population in NYC are in Queens, in the Flushing, Bayside, Woodside, and Elmhurst neighborhoods.
- **1 in 4 residents of Forest Hills** (City Council Districts 24 and 29) and **1 in 8 residents of Richmond Hill** (City Council Districts 28, 30, 32) are APA.
- **13.9% of Astoria residents** (City Council Districts 22 and 26) and **31.7% of Fresh Meadows Residents** (City Council Districts 23 and 24) are APA.

***Discretionary Dollars at work in Queens***

*Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York, Inc. (KCS)*

Founded in 1973 as the first community-based social service agency targeting the Korean population, KCS is a multi-social service organization supported by government agencies, foundations, corporations and concerned individuals. The objectives of KCS are to develop and deliver a broad range of social service programs to meet the various needs of the community in the areas of aging, community, and public health. FY 2012 Discretionary Funding has funded the English as a Second Language program, Homebound Meal Delivery Program, and the summer Youth Community Action Project. However, currently there are not enough homebound meals being delivered to APAs in New York City. As of right now, KCS is the only organization serving Chinese and Korean food to APA Homebound clients. Current service is only for 90 seniors, while the population continues to grow and more seniors need this assistance. Additionally, APA seniors have an extremely high rate of depression and suicide. Thus, there is a need for culturally competent and linguistically accessible programs that educate the community on mental health issues, which are traditionally considered taboo, and to also provide services to address such issues.

*South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS)*

SACSS was created to empower underserved South Asians to actively engage in the civic and economic life in New York City. SACSS assists clients in navigating the health, education, and child welfare systems. FY 2012 Discretionary Funding from Council Member Koo funded services such as English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes, assisting clients with healthcare access and retention, and parent education.

Additional funding from Council Members Koo and Weprin funded assistance for seniors with their health insurance needs, and their emotional well being via a special project on depression among South Asian Seniors. South Asians are most in need of culturally and linguistically competent services in health, education and child welfare. In addition to their core programs, SACSS is currently enhancing their parent engagement program to empower parents so that they can assist their children's academic and social success.

## **II. Boroughs with Growing APA Populations: Bronx and Staten Island**

Although the Bronx and Staten Island are not historically considered APA enclaves, the expanding population of APAs citywide has created several thriving niche neighborhoods among the APA community, such as the Sri Lankan and Chinese populations in Staten Island, and the myriad of APA communities in the Bronx. Currently, there are a limited number of Asian led and Asian serving CBOs in these two boroughs, and many current residents travel to Manhattan, Brooklyn, or Queens to get needed services. Many Asian led CBOs are working to expand their services to Staten Island and the Bronx to address the growing populations. We look forward to working with the City Council to ensure that all New Yorkers are getting the services they need.

### **Bronx**

**Of the \$5,008,208 in City Council Discretionary Dollars given in Bronx, only \$7,500<sup>8</sup>, or 0.7% was given to Asian Led organizations.**

#### ***The APA Population in the Bronx***

- The APA population in the Bronx grew by **24%** since 2000.
- The percentage of the total APA population in the Bronx who are limited English proficient was **39%**, compared with 25% of all Bronx residents.
- In terms of age, the Limited English Proficient (LEP) classification applied to **40%** of APA working-age adults and **59%** of elderly APAs, compared with 27% of working-age adults and 27% of senior citizens throughout the borough.
- **22%** of APA senior citizens in the Bronx live in poverty.

#### ***District by District Analysis***

Below is 13% and Growing Coalition’s Analysis of discretionary giving in the 8 Bronx City Council Districts. Currently, none have a population of 12% or more of APAs. However, there is a growing population of various APA communities throughout the Bronx, and we have highlighted these neighborhoods in **bold** on the next page.

District	Neighborhoods <sup>9</sup>	% APA living in District	Total Discretionary Dollars to Asian-Led Organizations	Total Discretionary Dollars	% Given to Asian-Led Organizations	Number of Asian Led Groups Funded
11	<b>Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Woodlawn, Norwood; Parts of Bedford Park, Wakefield, Bronx Park East</b>	5.59%	\$0	\$452,651	N/A	N/A

<sup>8</sup> Amount includes City Council Bronx Delegation Dollars, but does not include Speaker’s List funding or private sources.

<sup>9</sup> These are the neighborhoods in each district per the City Council Website (<http://council.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>)

12	Edenwald, Co-Op City, Wakefield, Williamsbridge, Baychester	2.13%	\$0	\$362,651	N/A	N/A
13	<b>Pelham Parkway North and South, Pelham Bay, Country Club, City Island, Throggs Neck, Allerton, Morris Park</b>	<b>5.70%</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$732,651</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1</b>
14	<b>Fordham, Kingsbridge, Morris Heights, West Bronx</b>	<b>3.07%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$557,651</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
15	Bathgate, Belmont, Crotona, Fordham, East Tremont, West Farms	2.44%	\$0	\$998,651	N/A	N/A
16	West Bronx, Morrisania, South Bronx, Highbridge, Melrose	1.05%	N/A	\$362,651	N/A	N/A
17	South Bronx	1.16%	N/A	\$683,651	N/A	N/A
18	<b>Soundview, Parkchester, Castle Hill, Classon Harding, Point Park</b>	<b>6.47%</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$857,651</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1</b>

### ***Growing Pockets of APAs in the Bronx***

- **40%** of the APA population in the Bronx is Asian Indian
- **Pelham Parkway (part of City Council District 13) has nearly 10,000 APAs.** 22.4% of this population is Asian Indian, and the next highest concentration, at 17.5%, is Chinese.
- **The Kingsbridge Heights/Moshulu Parkway neighborhoods in the Bronx (parts of City Council Districts 11 and 14) are currently home to nearly 8,000 APAs.** This diverse pocket includes high concentrations of the Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Korean and Filipino communities.

### ***A Snapshot: What Asian led service providers are seeing in the Bronx***

“Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York, Inc. (KCS) has five locations throughout New York City including Queens, Manhattan, and a site office in Brooklyn. We have had clients travel from parts of the Bronx, Long Island, Westchester, and Staten Island to seek our services due to the language and cultural competency of the organization. At the Corona Senior Center in Queens, we have seen more seniors from the Bronx and Manhattan come because they can receive Korean and Chinese meals that are prepared fresh daily and have access to various social services and educational classes. Some Seniors travel over 2.5 hours round trip to participate in the senior center. Because of the growing needs and number of Korean seniors in the Bronx, we have been working with Korean leaders in the Bronx and other Korean nonprofits to coordinate with our senior programs via a referral system. This will also allow more Korean seniors who are located in the Bronx to benefit from and access much needed services as well as preventing them from feeling isolated.”

## Staten Island

Of the \$2,440,893 in City Council Discretionary Dollars given in the Staten Island, only \$12,500<sup>10</sup>, or 1.2% was given to Asian Led organizations.

### *The APA Population in Staten Island*

- 7.5% of Staten Island Residents are APA.
- The APA population in Staten Island has grown by **40%** since according to the 2010 census
- Since 2000, The Chinese population has grown by **78%**, and the Vietnamese population by **93%**
- **More than one-third** of all APA Staten Islanders are limited English proficient, compared with 10% of the entire borough population. By age, limited English skills were attributed to **42%** of APA working-age adults and **63%** of elderly APAs —rates significantly higher than 11% and 12%, respectively, throughout the borough.

### *District by District Analysis*

Below is 13% and Growing Coalition’s Analysis of discretionary giving in the 3 Staten Island City Council Districts. Currently, none have a population of 12% or more of APAs. However, there is a growing population of various APA communities throughout Staten Island, and we have highlighted these districts in **bold** on the next page.

District	Neighborhoods <sup>11</sup>	% APA living in District	Total Discretionary Dollars to Asian-Led Organizations	Total Discretionary Dollars	% Given to Asian-Led Organizations	Number of Asian Led Groups Funded
<b>49</b>	<b>St. George, Tompkinsville, Stapleton, Snug Harbor, Livingston, New Brighton, Randall Manor, West Brighton, Silver Lake, Clove Lakes, Westerleigh, Clifton, Concord, Rosebank, Port Richmond, Elm Park, Mariners Harbor</b>	<b>8.62%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$650,631</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<sup>10</sup> Amount includes City Council Staten Island Delegation Dollars, but does not include Speaker’s List funding or private sources.

<sup>11</sup> These are the neighborhoods in each district per the City Council Website (<http://council.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>)



50	Parts of Dyker Heights and Bath Beach of Brooklyn , Arrochar, Bulls Head, Concord, Dongan Hill, Emerson Hill, Fort Wadsworth, Grant City, Graniteville, Grasmere, Island of Meadows, Midland Beach, New Dorp, Prall's Island, Richmondtown, South Beach, Todt Hill, Travis, Westerleigh, Willowbrook, parts of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn	9.64%	\$5,000	\$1,092,131	0.5%	1
51	Arden Heights, Annadale, Bay Terrace, Tottenville, Oakwood, Great Kills, Richmondtown, Charleston, Rossville, New Sprinville, Eltingville, Woodrow, Richmond Valley, Huguenot, Princes Bay, Pleasant Plains	5.39%	\$7,500	\$698,131	1.1%	1

***Growing Pockets of APAs in Staten Island***

- **Staten Island is home to over 37,412 APAs.**
- **North Shore (part of City Council District 49) is 8.4% APA.** Nearly one-third of this population is Chinese, the next highest APA concentrations, both at 20%, are the Asian Indian and Filipino communities. The growing Sri Lankan segment currently is 5% of the population, which is the largest concentration of Sri Lankans in New York City.
- **Mid-Island (part of City Council District 50) boasts over 15,000 APAs.** Nearly two-thirds of this population are Chinese or Asian Indian.

***A Snapshot: What Asian led service providers are seeing in Staten Island***

"Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE) has been serving New York City's APA community for close to four decades. We opened our Brooklyn office in Sunset Park, off of 8th Avenue, in August 2010 in order to serve Brooklyn residents in neighborhoods that have seen the most rapid growth of our community. Because of the increased APA population in Staten Island and the lack of Asian led CBOs in the borough, we are seeing community members from Staten Island travel to our Brooklyn office for home ownership, housing education and entitlements benefits services."