

Asian American and Pacific Islander National and Local Organizations

The following are organizations found online that serve AAPI communities in Oregon and SW Washington. Some are national organizations with chapters in the state. Please note that this may not be an exhaustive list of all AAPI-serving organization in the region. We apologize in advance for any group missing from this list.

APANO (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon)

www.apano.org

APANO unites Asians and Pacific Islanders to build power, develop leaders, and advance equity through organizing, advocacy, community development, and cultural work. We envision a just world where Asians and Pacific Islanders and communities who share our aspirations and struggles have the power, resources, and voice to determine our own futures, and where we work in solidarity to drive political, social, economic, and cultural change.

The Asian American Foundation

www.taaf.org

Mission: to serve the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in their pursuit of belonging and prosperity that is free from discrimination, slander, and violence.

Vision: An America where opportunities to participate in all aspects of society are equally accessible, and individuals and communities are not rendered invisible, nor singled out for false stereotypes, discrimination, or hate on the basis of race.

Asian Health and Service Center

www.ahscpdx.org

Mission: To be the bridge between Asian and American cultures and build a harmonious community.

Vision: To reduce health inequity and improve health care quality for all Asians.

Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon and SW Washington (APACC)

www.apacc.net

APACC is a Northwest based organization that promotes economic growth among Asian and Pacific Islander businesses and promotes business, cultural, and educational relationships within the community and the general public. To donate to APACC, reach out through their online contact form.

Asian and Pacific Islander Community Coalition of Oregon

Website not available; 8720 SE Ellis Street, Portland, OR 97266

A 501(c)(3) organization, with an IRS ruling year of 2021, and donations are tax-deductible.

The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) Pacific Islander and Asian Family Center

www.irco.org

Mission: empower children, youth, families and elders from around the world to build new lives and become self-sufficient by providing more than 200 culturally and linguistically specific social services.

Coalition of Communities of Color

www.coalitioncommunitiescolor.org

The Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) addresses the socioeconomic disparities, institutional racism and inequity of services experienced by our families, children and communities; and to organize our communities for collective action resulting in social change to obtain self-determination, wellness, justice and prosperity. *Note: includes Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Institute.*



Japanese American Citizen League (JACL)

<https://jacl.org/>

JACL is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. Based out of San Francisco, JACL fights to secure the civil and human rights of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and other communities affected by injustice. Through education, events, and efforts to preserve the heritage of Japanese American culture, they promote equality, justice, and diversity. The JACL is a national organization whose mission is to secure and safeguard the civil and human rights of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and all communities who are affected by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American Community.

Ka 'Aha Lāhui O 'Olekona (Hawaiian Civic Club of Oregon and SW Washington (aka KALO)

<https://www.kalohcc.org/>

This regional civic club is one of 17 clubs around the country that works to provide cultural education and resources for the local Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander community. Actively participate in the promotion, perpetuation, and practice of Native Hawaiian culture and values... stand in solidarity with Asians everywhere and take a position against the perpetuation of hate aimed at the Asian community. Chapter of the Mainland Council Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Ke Kukui Foundation

<https://kekukuifoundation.org/>

This organization's mission is to eliminate socio-economic barriers to the successful integration and assimilation of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders relocating to the Pacific Northwest/continental United States and to preserve and to share traditional

Hawaiian/Polynesian culture through educational programming consisting of music, dance, language, and other traditional arts.

The Korean American Coalition (KAC)

<https://kacla.org/>

KAC, based in Los Angeles, opened a chapter in Oregon in 2014 with a mission to foster a strong Korean American community in Oregon by promoting community participation in civic, legislative and community affairs through advocacy, community service, leadership development and cultural education. In the last year, KAC has focused on encouraging voter registration among Korean Americans and on making ballots accessible through translation services. Donate directly to KAC through their "Get Involved" page.

Micronesia Islander Community

<https://www.micoregon.org/>

Mission: A non-profit that strives to bring all Micronesians together, and help the communities with social and racial justice, citizen rights, and needs as well as conserve our culture and raise Micronesia Awareness.

Vision: to be a leader of community driven, innovative programs delivered by compassionate staff who create equitable services that empower immigrants, refugees and underserved communities.

Northwest Chinese Alliance

<https://www.nwchinesealliance.org/>

The Northwest Chinese Alliance, founded in 2010, works to expand public awareness and understanding of Chinese American history in the United States, by showcasing traditional Chinese performing arts (Their largest event is an annual performance in the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade), and acting as a general community resource. You can support them through a cash donation or by becoming a sponsor for their performances.

Oregon Chinese Coalition (OCC)

<https://pdxchinese.org/>

Mission: To serve Chinese community with a shared vision and resources.

Vision: To build a connected and united Chinese community that embraces diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, political beliefs, and religious and cultural traditions.

Oregon Korea Foundation (OKF)

<http://www.orkf.org/>

The Oregon Korea Foundation is a nonprofit founded out of the Korean Society of Oregon "to improve the quality of life for members of Korean-American communities in Oregon." OKF acts most by raising funds to meet community needs and by holding events and classes that preserve and share Korean cultural heritage in Oregon. Contact OKF to get more information about their donation process.

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)

www.searac.org

Mission: SEARAC is a national civil rights organization that empowers Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese American communities to create a socially just and equitable society. It is committed to building the power of Southeast Asian American communities to fight for their own self-determination and well-being.

Vietnamese Community of Oregon (VNCO)

www.vietnaseseportland.org or <https://www.facebook.com/vncousa/>

The Vietnamese Community of Oregon, established in 1992, is a vital resource for Portland's Asian American community, the nonprofit's president, Thao Tu says. During a normal year, VNCO would offer college scholarships to outstanding high school seniors and help community members with their taxes.

Arts/Cultural Organizations

Portland Japanese Garden

<https://japanesegarden.org/>

Portland Chinatown Museum

<https://www.portlandchinatownmuseum.org/>

Lan Su Chinese Garden

<https://lansugarden.org/>

Japanese American Museum of Oregon

<https://jamo.org/>

Kam Wah Chung Heritage Site (Eastern Oregon)

<https://friendsofkamwahchung.com/>

India Cultural Association of Oregon

<https://www.icaportland.org/>

The Immigrant Story

<https://theimmigrantstory.org/>