



ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER
**FORWARD
MOVEMENT**

2025 - 2026 Impact Report

Rooted & Responsive

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Our Mission

We cultivate healthy, long-lasting, and vibrant Asian and Pacific Islander communities through community-centered engagement, education, and advocacy.

Our Vision

We want a world where Asian and Pacific Islander communities – and all communities of color— have full power to access good health and a healthy environment.

Dear APIFM Supporters,

We are proud to share our **July 2025 to June 2026 Impact Report**, which reflects our deep commitment to being **rooted in** and **responsive to** the communities we serve.

We have witnessed harmful federal policies dismantle and destroy critical safety net programs that millions of families across the country rely on. Deep cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid, including new work requirements, have created fear and confusion for many low-income immigrant families. The unlawful termination of environmental justice and DEI investments, including the loss of \$1.2 million for our MYARC program, and the rollback of public land protections in favor of extractive industries threaten to destroy the ecosystems that sustain community health and wellbeing. These actions threaten not only our ability to advance food sovereignty and climate resilience, but also the health, safety, and dignity of the communities we serve. They underscore why community-led solutions are more essential than ever.

Yet even in the face of these challenges, we remain steadfast in our mission. Your partnership gives us the strength to adapt, organize, and continue to build robust community networks of care that no federal policy can erase. Together, we:

- Partnered with a local urban farm to pilot growing **taro leaves** which are a cultural staple in many Pacific Islander diets.
- Nurtured **15 youth leaders** through our 2025 Mobilizing Youth Advocates for Resilient Communities (MYARC) program in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Collected over **350 community surveys** to understand the healthcare barriers and needs of our Pacific Islander community members.
- Assisted more than **190 low-income and fixed-income community members** with CalFresh enrollment and renewal, helping ensure continued access to food assistance.

Hope is not passive, it is something we build through collective action. Your support allows us to continue feeding families, investing in youth leadership, protecting community health, and advocating for systems that are rooted in justice rather than exclusion. When people come together, we can withstand attacks on our shared values and build something stronger. We believe another future is possible, one where everyone has full power to access good health and a healthy environment, and we are committed to building this future together.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to resist, reimagine, and create lasting change.

With gratitude,



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A Year of Listening, Adapting, and Growing Together

This past year brought significant change, but our commitment to community remained constant. Rooted in trusted relationships, we adapted alongside our communities as needs evolved. The stories that follow show what that looked like.

How We Showed Up

Listen

Community voices guide our work.



2,670+

Community members engaged through APIFM's programs, partnerships, and services.



40+

Community workshops and listening sessions.

Respond

We adapt as community needs evolve.



190+

Households supported with CalFresh support and re-enrollment at 8 trusted community sites.



185,880

Meals' worth of fresh produce distributed across Los Angeles.

Over 223,050 pounds of produce total

Grow

We invest in youth and communities for a healthier, more just future.



15

Young leaders built environmental justice leadership through MYARC.



30+

Chinatown elders connected through monthly Tai Chair gatherings, community resources, and neighborhood engagement.

Listening First

Community voices shape every step forward

Community Health

“Thank you for taking the time to do work like this and collect this information. It’s very important data, since NHPs don’t have many resources or accommodations in the healthcare system. Thank you.”

— Ms. M
Health Homes survey participant

The Health Homes survey created space for Pacific Islander community members to be heard. Participants shared barriers to healthcare including language access, transportation, insurance, and finding culturally responsive care while expressing appreciation that their voices were finally being included in conversations about health. Those insights are now shaping future programs, partnerships, and more equitable healthcare systems.

Over
350
Health Homes
surveys completed

18
Community
outreach events



“I’m glad they were getting student ideas because usually this doesn’t happen.”

— Emily
7th grade student



Water is Life

Together, students, families, teachers, and neighbors are transforming Fremont Elementary School into a green schoolyard through a community-led planning process. Community members designed a greener and healthier campus with nature-based solutions, which will improve air quality, alleviate extreme heat, and provide outdoor learning opportunities!

Over
750 Conversations with the
Fremont Elementary
School community
informed the project
design

Tai Chair

Through monthly Tai Chair gatherings at LA State Historic Park, approximately 30 elders from Chinatown and surrounding communities came together in a trusted space to connect. These relationships helped us better understand participants’ experiences while creating opportunities to connect elders with public benefits information, engage them in local arts and cultural projects, and hear their perspectives on neighborhood developments.

Responding Together

When community needs change, we adapt alongside them

This year, federal actions under the current administration dismantled critical investments in food assistance, environmental justice, and youth leadership, creating significant new barriers for the communities we serve. Rooted in trusted relationships, APIFM responded by connecting community members with credible information, essential resources, and opportunities to take action.

Navigating A Changing Safety Net

Federal cuts made it harder for many families to access the benefits they rely on. As CalFresh policies changed and barriers to enrollment grew, APIFM's Enroll LA team provided trusted, in-language support to help community members navigate county systems, resolve case issues, and maintain access to food assistance.

One older adult saw his monthly CalFresh benefit reduced to just \$24 after months of unanswered questions. Working directly with the county, APIFM helped to restore his benefits to more than \$200 per month—one example of the persistent, personalized support our team provides every day.



“At first, I didn’t think you could help me. Now that I have the support, I am very, very happy.”

— Mr. H
CalFresh participant



Adapting Food Access

As federal actions reduced investments in nutrition and community food programs, APIFM joined partners to secure funding through Care First Community Investment (CFCI) and sustain food access across Los Angeles.

CFCI

Helping sustain community food access

160 families

Received monthly access to fresh, culturally relevant produce

When immigration raids left many workers and families afraid to leave their homes, we partnered with the CLEAN Carwash Worker Center to provide 1,400 lbs of fresh produce for their emergency grocery distributions, ensuring support reached families when they needed it most.

Protecting Public Lands

As federal protections for public lands faced new threats, we worked with the Nature for All Coalition to monitor policy changes, amplify community voices, and advocate for healthy, accessible public lands. APIFM supported advocacy for national monuments and the Angeles National Forest, engaged elected officials, provided Traditional Chinese and Vietnamese translations, and collected more than 130 community petition signatures.

Coalition Advocacy

Partners working together to protect public lands

Growing What's Next

Investing in healthier communities for generations to come

Mobilizing Youth Advocates for Resilient Communities (MYARC)

When federal funding uncertainty threatened the future of MYARC, the program continued because of a shared commitment to creating opportunities for local youth. Throughout the summer, students explored environmental justice by learning directly from community leaders, scientists, and advocates through field experiences that connected environmental justice to their own neighborhoods.

One student took what he learned beyond the classroom, replacing his family's air filters after the recent wildfires and writing to Representative Judy Chu to advocate for cleaner air. His experience reflects MYARC's goal of helping young people build the confidence to take action in their own communities.

“There are so many global issues, but MYARC showed me that I can start by taking action in my own community.”

— Chelsea
MYARC Youth Advocate

Farm to School

Every season invited a new opportunity to learn through food. Through gardening, cooking, taste tests, and seasonal lessons, children explored where food comes from while connecting healthy eating to their cultures and communities. At one preschool, a teacher planted pumpkin seeds with her class after Halloween, and by spring the children returned to find thriving vines growing in the garden they had continued to care for together.

A Growing Partnership

Little Tokyo Service Center

Beginning in 2027, APIFM will partner with LTSC to bring culturally responsive Farm to School programming to its preschool community, marking the first time our model will expand beyond our current sites.

Building on this momentum

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building healthier, more connected communities by continuing to:



Grow

- Culturally responsive food system
- Farm to School partnerships
- Support for local farmers



Deepen

- Preventive care
- Neighborhood resources
- Healthy food access



Invest

- Greener schools
- Youth leadership
- Healthy public spaces

Across all of our work, we stand in solidarity with our BIPOC partners and continue uplifting API voices to advance language access and data equity so that communities are represented in the decisions that shape their future.

With Gratitude

*This work is possible because of the many people and organizations who choose to work alongside us.
Thank you for your trust and partnership.*

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Hollywood Food Coalition
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Every in-language conversation, every bag of fresh, culturally relevant produce delivered, every young leader mentored this year happened because our funders, partners, and community showed up alongside us. Thank you for being rooted with us.

Continue Growing With Us

We'd love to stay connected.

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