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APPRECIATIONS & GRATITUDE

At APANO we work towards a more just and equitable future. That work is made possible by the shared strength of our community. As we welcome 2024 and bid farewell to 2023, we want to express our deep gratitude to each and every one of you for helping us Light the Way Together last year.

In partnership, we are lighting the way to more joy, more connectedness, more of all the things that help our communities grow and thrive. It is truly an honor to do that with you.

Thank you for your generous support over this past year, whether through a financial donation or one of your precious time and energy. With your help, we accomplished so much together! To close out the year, you all made it possible for us to raise nearly \$30,000 through the annual Willamette Week Give!Guide, helping us to continue our mission of uniting Asians and Pacific Islanders to build power, develop leaders and advance equity.

So much has happened in just a year, and we hope you'll enjoy some of these highlights from 2023.

THANK YOU!

FROM ALL OF US AT APANO





COMMUNITY HEALTH

Community health and healing was a priority for APANO in 2023, from youth camps to creating opportunities for connection for seniors, we held space for one another to grow and create joy together.

Oregon Zoo Partnership

We worked with the Oregon Zoo to coordinate family zoo days for Vietnamese and Chinese speaking families to create memories. During the summer we were able to offer several youth camps at the zoo, centering joy for our youth!

Yoga for Healing

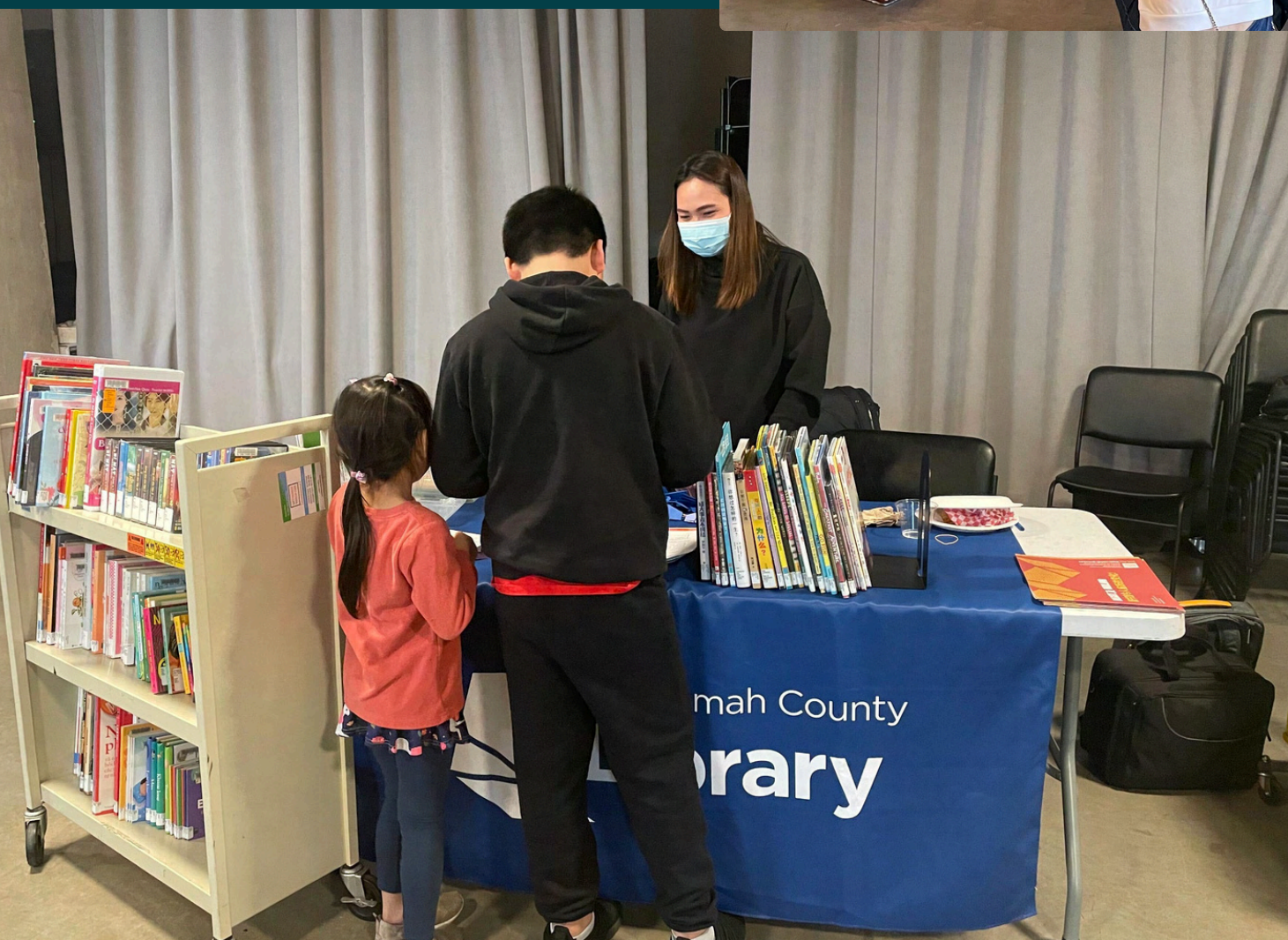
In 2023, we offered free weekly yoga sessions for our Chinese mother's group and residents of O82 to support our community's physical and emotional healing.

Community for Seniors

We coordinated monthly activities for families and seniors to build community and connections - including visits to Beaverton library and introductions to the tech and makers lab, OMSI, and well-child curriculum.

O82 POP-UP LIBRARY

We hosted a monthly library pop-up event at O82 to provide access to books and storytimes to community members in SE Portland while the Holgate and Midland libraries were under construction. Our pop-up library was a partnership with Multnomah County Library. We offered books and family activities in multiple languages including Chinese, Vietnamese, and English.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Good Growth is a workforce development program of APANO. We match people with opportunities and provide tools and connection to training and resources. This program was a result of the Portland Clean Energy Fund, which APANO campaigned for and won in November 2018.

Sustainability Education

Through our program we also worked to increase knowledge of sustainable and energy efficient resources including EV rebates and energy efficiency programs.

PCC Training Program

We also introduced a training program to help connect community members to jobs. At our PCC Training program, we made new connections and over 60 community members joined us to learn about different career opportunities.

Childcare Provider Support

We also provided support to childcare providers to access resource and funding opportunities in order to grow childcare access that is culturally responsive.



COOLING PORTLAND

In 2023, we worked with skilled contractors to install **230 energy efficient cooling units** in community members' homes during the heat wave, with a focus on providing units for elders, AAPI and BIPOC folks, and those with chronic illnesses. This program was funded by Cooling Portland, a PCEF-funded climate resilience program.



JADE INTERNATIONAL NIGHT MARKET

After a long, three-year break, the Jade International Night Market returned in full force! Thank you, community, for showing up and showing out. It was such an honor to celebrate with you all this past August. From the beautiful performances to all the amazing food, dancing, artmaking and so much more, we hope you were able to experience some of it with us!

The Jade District's mission is to build a cohesive community so we can seek positive lasting change together. Experiencing this year's Night Market with you all made that mission feel all the more important.

The 2023 market marked our 7th annual celebration of the vibrant communities that live, work and play in the Jade District. Though the market is over, we hope you'll join us next year and continue to follow along for other events throughout the year.

On the next page, find a few of our favorite highlights from the night.



JADE INTERNATIONAL NIGHT MARKET (CONT'D)



- **More than 500 pots and houseplants found new homes with community members**, and many folks painted their pots to personalize them! (Thank you, Portland Nursery!)
- **Works of art were all around**, thanks to the face painters and balloon artists at Mystique's Fancy Faces
- **Thousands of folks** came out to support local small businesses!
- **The abundant entertainment program** brought diverse and local performers together to share their art and culture
- **Children of all ages played** and cooled off in the water splash pad
- **Lucky market-goers were gifted** with certificates to local Jade District businesses
- **And for future visits, attendees received the Jade District Business Directory**, complete with coupons



SMALL BUSINESS

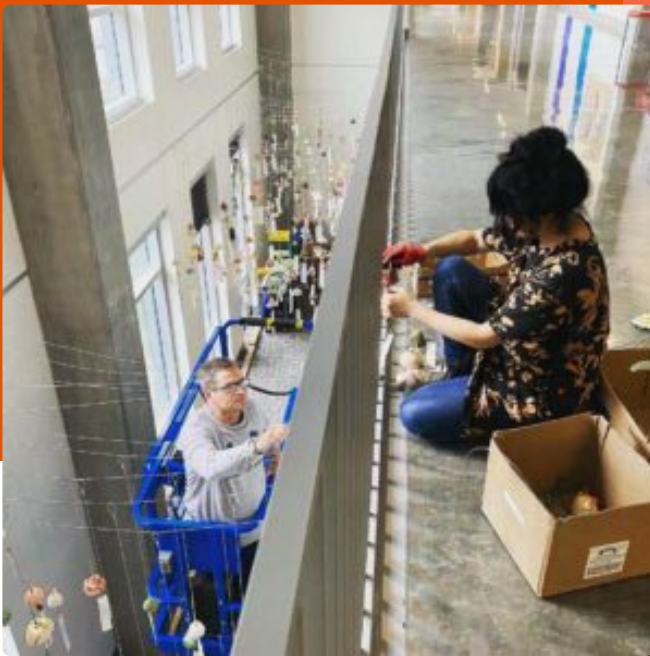
APANO's Small Business Support and Advising Program offers guidance and access to resources for local businesses including Jade District small businesses and greater Portland businesses.

SMALL BUSINESS FAIR

Through partnership with Community Services Network, we produced our first Small Business Resource Fair at the Orchards of 82. 18 partners in our economic development work, support services, and other resources hosted booths and we had an amazing turnout of 110 entrepreneurs and small business owners.

LEGAL CLINIC

APANO partnered with the Small Business Legal Clinic (a program from Lewis and Clark Law School offering discounted and/or pro bono representation via legal interns and established lawyers) to provide a day of one-hour sessions with a lawyer for Washington County entrepreneurs.



CULTURAL WORK

FURIN BELL SYMPOSIUM

In collaboration with APANO and Mural Arts Institute in Philadelphia (MAI), APANO's catalyst artist, Midori Hirose's Furin Project involves honoring the history and legacy of the Japanese American Farming community. This year-long community art and place-making project engage contemporary questions on how the longstanding local Orchards of 82nd and the surrounding area continue to serve as sites of community nourishment.

OUR SPACE OF POSSIBILITIES

Two O82 Art Crew members participated in the East Portland Cultural Corridor project, where they interviewed East Portland street artists and community members and hosted an exhibition in a decommissioned Trimet bus where community members were invited to creatively take over the bus.



YOUTH ORGANIZING

ALLY (APANO Leaders and Liberated Youth) is the youth organizing arm of APANO. ALLY is open to BIPOC youth ages 13-21. ALLY aims to build the leadership skills of working-class youth through community organizing, leadership development, and political education.

TARO (Teaching Advocacy and Radical Organizing)

This year, we hosted a cohort of 15 youth for our TARO program! Teaching Advocacy and Radical Organizing (TARO) takes a holistic and comprehensive approach to sexual health education, encouraging youth to engage in dialogue and action to strengthen our relationships to ourselves and each other. We also partnered with the Youth Interpersonal Violence Prevention coalition and Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA) for the seven session series.

Ya Heard - A BIPOC-Centered Open Mic

ALLY collaborated with Friends of Noise to host Ya Heard - a BIPOC youth centered open mic space for poetry, music, performance and more at APANO's Orchards of 82nd! Friends of Noise started 'Ya Heard' in 2022, and the series continues as a monthly space for BIPOC youth to speak truth through music and poetry.

ADVOCACY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

ADVOCACY SUMMIT

APANO hosted our second Advocacy Summit to share our 2023 legislative priorities, which include childcare infrastructure and workforce development, increasing legislators pay, expanding SNAP benefits to more people, stable and fair housing, and campaign finance protections.

Over 40 community members attended to learn about APANO's priorities and how to get involved with the session!

VOTE NETWORK

The APANO Voter Outreach Training & Education (VOTE) Network organizes and supports the development of AANHPI community organizations in Oregon to achieve social justice through advocacy and civic engagement.

EMERGING LEADERS COHORT

Additionally, we identified 8 organizations from our VOTE Network to join a cohort of Emerging Leaders for a 2 year capacity building program. These leaders completed their first year of the program in 2023!



ADVOCACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (CONT'D)



WASHINGTON COUNTY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

2023 was our second year hosting the Washington County Leadership Development Program! A cohort of 10 leaders joined APANO for an 8 session series, led by Sushmita Poddar. The program aimed to provide space to both learn and practice organizing while relationship building with APANO staff, elected officials and community.

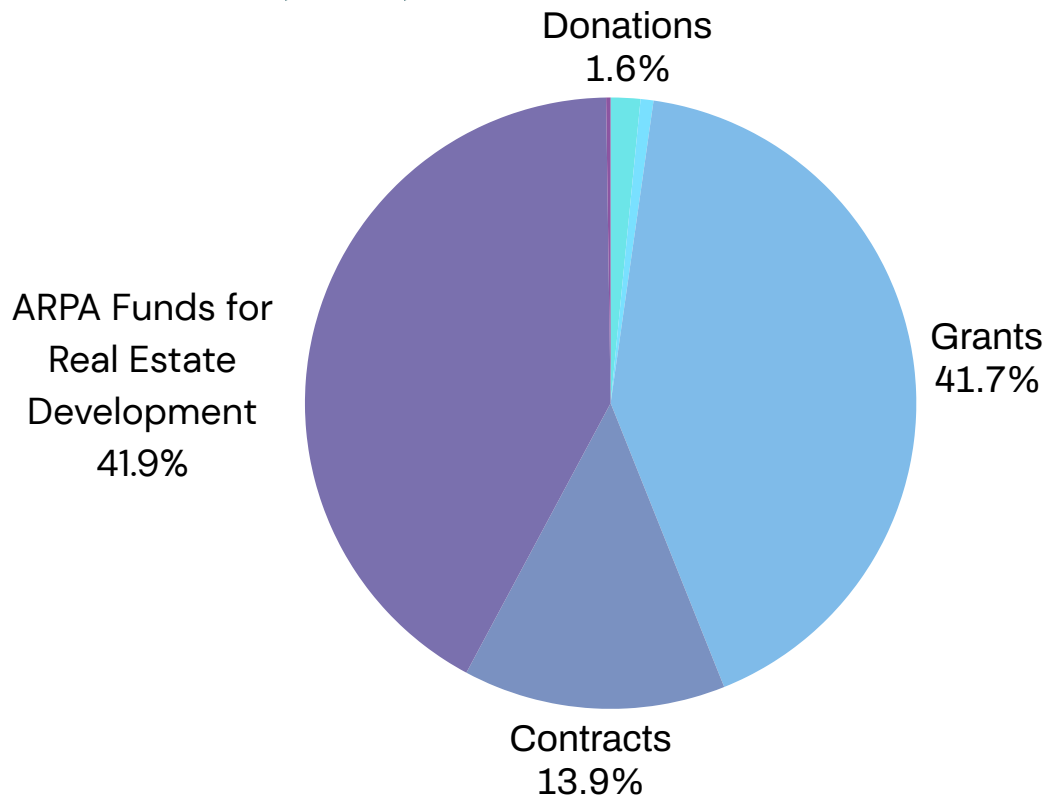


APANO provided introductory trainings on legislative advocacy, community organizer and leadership skills, and ample opportunities to apply these skills while building with our collective communities.

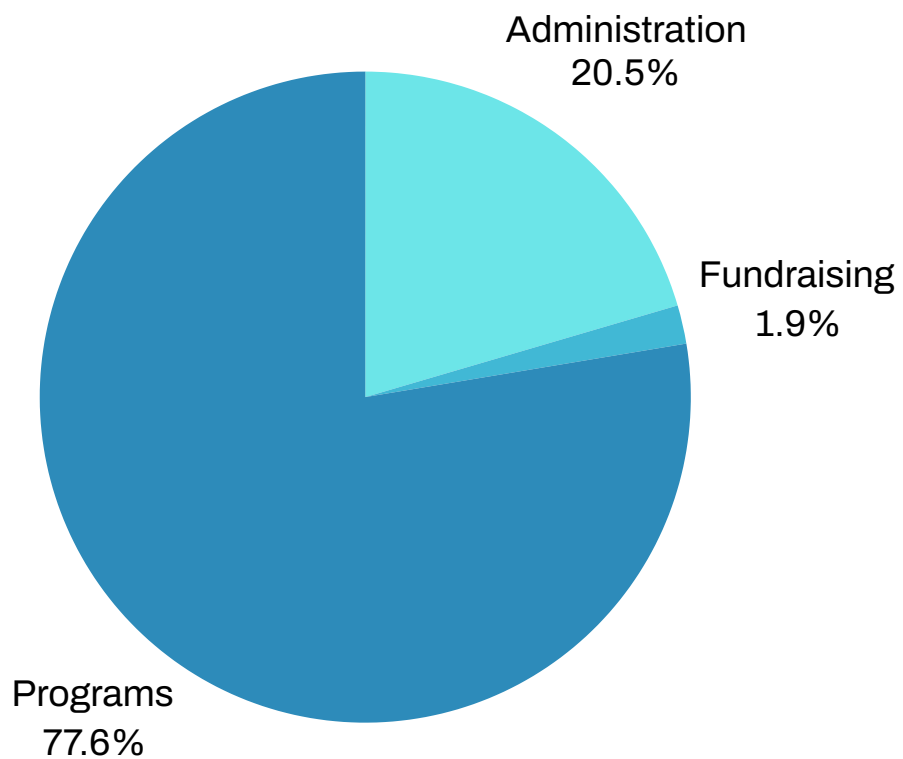
Cohort members developed a collective understanding of what organizing is and how to do it to build power and have an impact!

FINANCIALS

REVENUE - \$6,390,588



EXPENSES - \$4,114,173





GET INVOLVED

Learn more about the year-round opportunities to take action, attend a workshop or gathering, and more by signing up for our monthly newsletter! Visit our website to sign up: **[APANO.ORG/NEWSLETTER](https://apano.org/newsletter)**

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