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CAPI USA TO PARTNER WITH 4 TWIN CITIES IMMIGRANT-LED NONPROFITS WITH \$150,000 GRANT AWARD FROM THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS MINNESOTA DISASTER RECOVERY FUND FOR CORONAVIRUS

BROOKLYN CENTER, MN – (April 22, 2020) – CAPI USA was awarded a grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the Minnesota Council on Foundations Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF) for coronavirus, to serve historically marginalized and vulnerable populations in the Twin Cities affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

To address community fears, confusion and basic needs, CAPI will engage in a sub-granting partnership with 4 immigrant-led nonprofits.

- Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Acción Latina (COPAL)
- Karen Organization of Minnesota (KOM)
- Vietnamese Social Services (VSS)
- African Career, Education, & Resource (ACER)

Together, all agencies including CAPI will help community members access 5 core resources (i.e., unemployment, SNAP, tax preparation services, emergency food and health insurance). This project will fill a significant gap in navigation support services, especially for immigrants with limited English proficiency, and, who often have limited savings to cushion a dramatic economic downturn.

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About CAPI USA

CAPI USA was founded in 1982 as a food shelf to serve refugees from Southeast Asia in the aftermath of the Vietnam conflict. Our mission is to guide immigrants and refugees in their journey toward self-determination and social equality. With core values rooted in equity, inclusion and accessibility, CAPI employs 30+ diverse multilingual staff and leverages a growing number of sub-granted partnerships to provide basic need, economic empowerment and civic engagement programming that supports lower-income Asian, African, Latinx, and U.S.-born populations of color in the Twin Cities.