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## About the Asian American Federation of New York

The Asian American Federation of New York is a not-for-profit organization that provides public policy and community service leadership to identify and meet the critical needs of Asian Americans in the New York metropolitan area. The New York City-based Federation serves the entire Asian American community by analyzing issues and voicing common concerns, advocating for beneficial policies, offering financial and management assistance, coordinating service delivery, and creating and heading unified, community-wide initiatives. Founded in 1989, the Federation has a membership of 36 community agencies that provide health and human services to diverse populations.

Working toward an empowered Asian American community with full participation in the larger society, the Federation is guided by the following priorities:

- Articulating Asian American concerns on public policy matters, and promoting understanding and cooperation between communities.
- Strengthening the capacity of community institutions.
- Generating human and financial resources for enhanced effectiveness in meeting community needs and aspirations.

The Federation's public policy and research work focuses on issues related to resource allocation, community needs, service availability and accessibility, immigrant rights, and community development.

This economic impact study is part of a comprehensive September 11th Relief, Recovery and Rebuilding Initiative that the Federation spearheaded in December 2001 with four community organizations to address Asian American community needs resulting from the September 11th terrorist attacks. The Federation launched the initiative with major support from The September 11th Fund, the McCormick-Tribune Foundation and the JP Morgan Chase Foundation. In addition to conducting this study, the Federation's September 11th efforts have included establishing a community service center in Chinatown, coordinating outreach and relief services, and providing financial aid through the Asian American Federation WTC Fund. The Federation belongs to the 9/11 United Services Group (USG), a 13-member consortium formed to coordinate assistance to people affected by the September 11th events.

Among other pivotal leadership functions, the Federation is the only Asian American organization on the East Coast selected by the U.S. Census Bureau to operate a Census Information Center. The center was established in August 2001 to conduct data and policy analysis and to encourage representation of the Asian American community in Census Bureau censuses and surveys. The Census Bureau's designation recognized the Federation's success in leading the Asian American Task Force on Census 2000, a coalition of 65 organizations that advised the Census Bureau and ensured an accurate count of Asian Americans in Census 2000.

Other current Federation projects, in addition to extensive support of its member agencies, include a campaign to foster Asian American philanthropy, as well as a groundbreaking research study of the quality of life and care of New York's growing Asian American elderly population.

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