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There are three budget amendments we would like to support senate committee to send it to the next level. We feel it is really important for the community to have this support to work we have started. Waiting for another two years does not make any logical sense. As we are watching community is in urgent need of Legislative support to work on Health, Economics, and other pressing needs. We sincerely request this budget amendment be passed in this legislative session. Thank you for hearing our concerns. OAAHC is submitting this request to senator Dolan and committee to consider passing this resolution on June 3, 2021.

- 1) **\$2M earmarks for grants for community organizations that serve Asians and AAPIs**
“Establishes appropriations of \$2.0 million in each fiscal year in new GRF appropriation item 1495XX, Community Center Grants, and requires the funds to be used to distribute grants to actively involved community organizations that serve the Asian, Asian-American, and Pacific Islander community. Specifies that organizations that are eligible to receive funding must currently provide certain services.”
- 2) **Create and Fund the Ohio AAPI Affairs Commission and the Office of AAPI Affairs**
“Creates the Ohio Asian-American and Pacific Islander Affairs Commission and specifies the membership, appointment terms, compensation, and duties of the Commission. Creates the Office of Asian-American and Pacific Islander Affairs and specifies the membership and duties of the Office. Establishes the Ohio Asian American and Pacific Islander Affairs Commission budget and appropriates \$440,944 GRF Fund 126400 Operating Expenses in each fiscal year”
- 3) **Increases earmarks for Refugee Program Services by \$100,000 per year** “Increases GRF appropriation item 600551, Job and Family Services Program Support, by \$100,000 in each fiscal year and earmarks the funds for the Refugee Program Services Section to support immigration services agencies with ten or fewer permanent staff members.”

Ohio Asian American Health Coalition is submitting this testimony on behalf of all the member organizations. Thank you