Sens. Lewis, Jehlen, Rep. Day

Winchester to receive grant money for AAPI cultural organization

WINCHESTER - Senators Jason Lewis and Patricia Jehlen and Representative Michael Day are pleased to announce that the AAPI Arts & Culture COVID-19 Recovery Program awarded a $35,000 grant to the Winchester School of Chinese Culture.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Arts & Culture COVID-19 Recovery Program was established and funded in the Fiscal Year 2022 state budget. This is a one-time program intended to provide financial assistance to AAPI arts and culture organizations across Massachusetts that have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our Asian American community is a vibrant and growing part of Winchester and the Commonwealth, and they have been hit particularly hard by both the pandemic and anti-Asian hate," said Sen. Lewis. "I'm thrilled to see the Winchester School of Chinese Culture receive this assistance to help them continue to expand their cultural programming and thrive."

"The arts and cultural institutions were devastated across the Commonwealth during the pandemic," said Sen. Jehlen. "It is important in challenging times to support institutions like the Winchester School of Chinese Culture which preserve culture and language."

In total, 51 Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) arts and culture organizations around the state collectively have received $975,000 in pandemic assistance from this program.