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AT&T donates \$75,000 to API Council for San Francisco small business grants

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With the API Council's mission to strengthen racial equality and improve economic justice in our community, we created a grant-making program to help the most vulnerable Chinatown businesses in this time of crisis. AT&T recognizes that underserved communities need to be given opportunities to weather the downturn and thrive, which is why the company is supporting our grantmaking with a \$75,000 donation.

San Francisco's Chinatown has long been a vibrant community. However, Chinatown's small merchants and restaurants were severely impacted before shelter in place order due to anti-AAPI rhetoric related to COVID-19. The API Council is offering grants to assist the numerous merchants and restaurants in Chinatown affected in these unprecedented times.

"As our Chinatown restaurants and shops have struggled in 2020, we are working harder than ever to make sure that our small business owners can weather this devastating time. The API Council's grantmaking will be enhanced with this generous donation from AT&T. We admire the company's commitment to economic empowerment and diversity," said Cally Wong, Director, API Council.

AT&T's support of the API Council is part of [AT&T BelievesSM](#), a company-wide effort to make a meaningful impact in local communities. The program combines company resources and employee engagement to help local initiatives that address substantial societal issues. Nationally, AT&T is dedicating \$10 million to economic opportunity in underserved communities and communities of color.

"COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the API community and their businesses need our help. We recognize the incredible work the API Council is doing in the wake of this crisis and these grants will help give Chinatown's small, local businesses a greater chance to recover," said Rhonda Johnson, President, AT&T California.