

Vong Thao Bio

Vong Thao brings more than 15 years of experience in economic development across the nonprofit, government, and private sector to Rooted Philanthropic. His work has focused on advancing equitable economic opportunities, supporting entrepreneurs, and strengthening community-based development initiatives.

Vong began his career with the United States Department of Agriculture – Farm Service Agency, assisting farmers in the Pacific Northwest with federal farm programs. He later worked for Kraft Foods (now Mondelez International) before transitioning into nonprofit and municipal economic development roles across Minnesota. Over the years, he has helped build business technical assistance and lending programs, managed multimillion-dollar development projects, and overseen business loan portfolios for the City of Saint Paul and the City of Brooklyn Center.

Vong holds a bachelor's degree from University of Washington and an MBA from City University of Seattle. He is an Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) through the National Development Council and is pursuing his Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) designation through the International Economic Development Council.

He currently serves as Treasurer of the Hmong Cultural Center and Co-Chair of the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy Minnesota Chapter. Outside of work, Vong is a peony farmer in Mora.