

2025 Policy/Funding Impacts

Whatcom County Nonprofit Survey

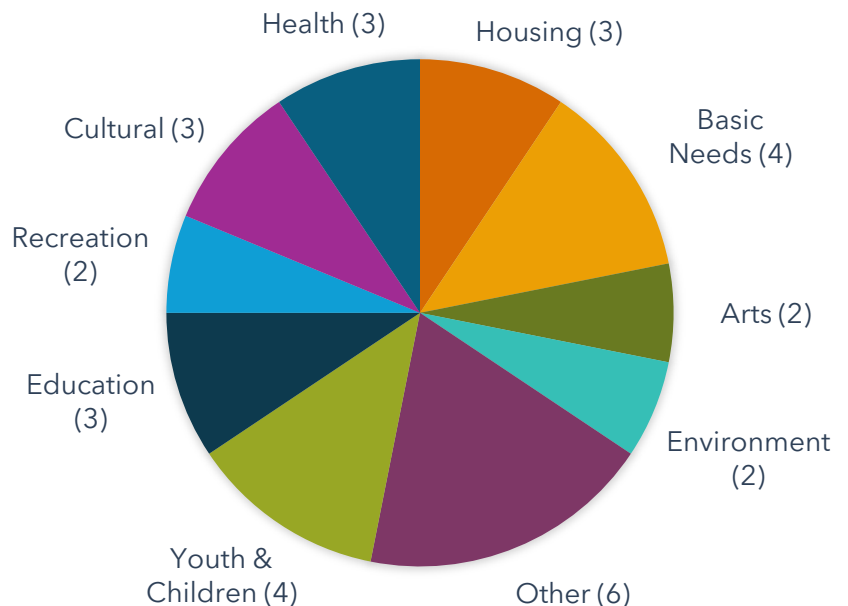
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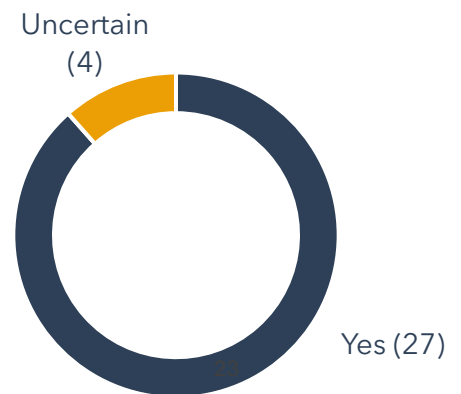
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Do you anticipate your organization being affected by any current or potential policy shifts in 2025?



100%

Diverting staff time to assess potential impacts.

78%

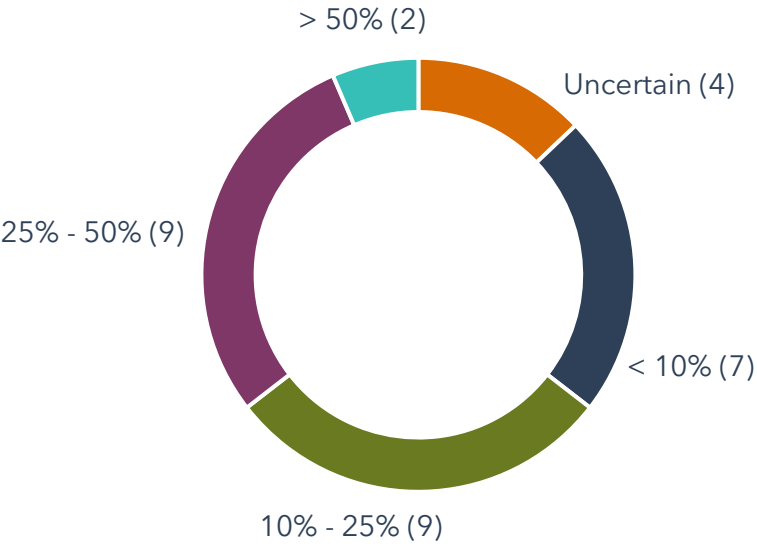
Anticipating grant/funding opportunities paused or delayed.

60%

Experiencing funding delays or lack of clarity about awarded grants.

What percent of your organization's budget comes from federal funds?

“Approximately 26% of our 2024 operating budget came from state funds. While we are not able to easily parse a percentage, we would assume that many state level grants are at least partially supported by federal funds.”



Which of your local programs feel in jeopardy as funding threats are made?

“Our ability to provide 24/7 skilled nursing care to elderly citizens.”

“A new construction project (housing) could be paused or significantly slowed.”

“Summer school programming for migrant youth.”

“Our ability to provide sexual and reproductive health services may be significantly impacted.”

“We are most concerned about our DEI programs, ocean conservation and sustainability efforts, and the gutting of environmental laws.”

“We worry that WA State funding shortages will cause Whatcom County to cut programs they consider non-essential to deal with local budget shortfalls.”

Are there other federal policy changes (beyond funding) impacting your local program planning/implementation efforts?

“Yes- we have seen a large decrease in the number of Latino families accessing services.”

“We are keeping a close eye on the administration's targeting of vulnerable communities and planning to respond as needed and as possible to alleviate suffering and provide safety and support.”

“Cuts to funding and to the ranks of government agencies engaged in conservation efforts create concern as they are potential partners. Funding cuts affecting the AmeriCorps program could have a direct effect on programing and stewardship.”

“DEI executive orders and immigration related contract provisions are demanding our attention and legal review.”

“Our program is widely recognized as a safe space for children who may feel “othered” in other areas of their lives, especially children who identify as LGBTQ+. As DEI initiatives are being dismantled and anti-trans rhetoric escalates, we’re seeing an increased sense of vulnerability and anxiety in many of our students.”

“Funding cuts affecting the AmeriCorps program will have a direct effect on local programming and environmental stewardship efforts.”

“We are very concerned about the Department of Education’s nearly 50% downsizing and the potential closure of the agency in general. Already, many federal Financial Assistance (FA) staff have been laid off, and we are concerned about delays in FA application processing, phone support, student funding, etc.”