



2024 SURVEY ON DESIGNING NEW CITY GRANTS RESULTS

TARGET AUDIENCE: NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN PRINCE GEORGE

104 RESPONDENTS

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A CITY GRANT?



SIZE OF ORGANIZATION

53%

Small NFP

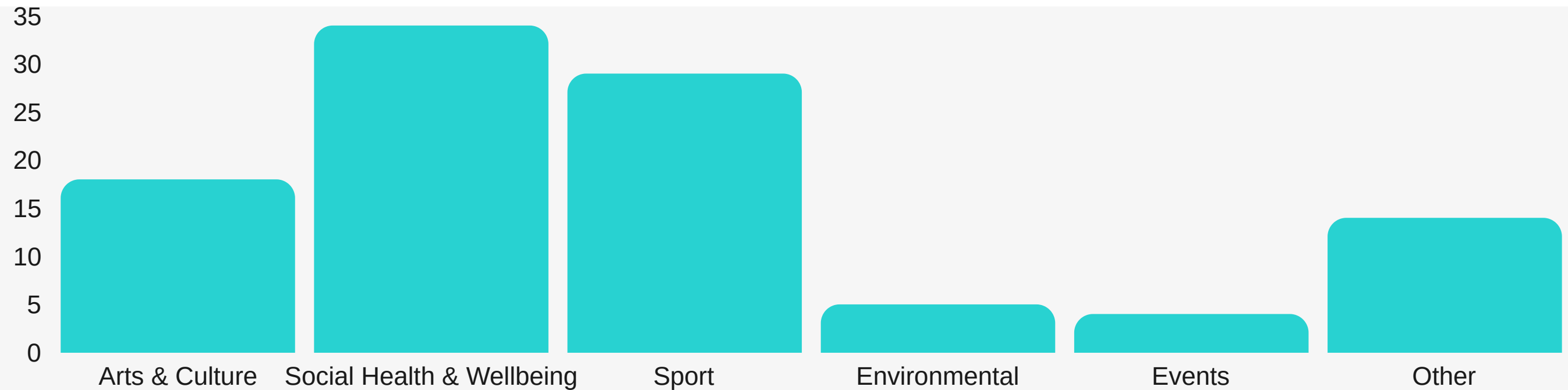
25%

Medium NFP

22%

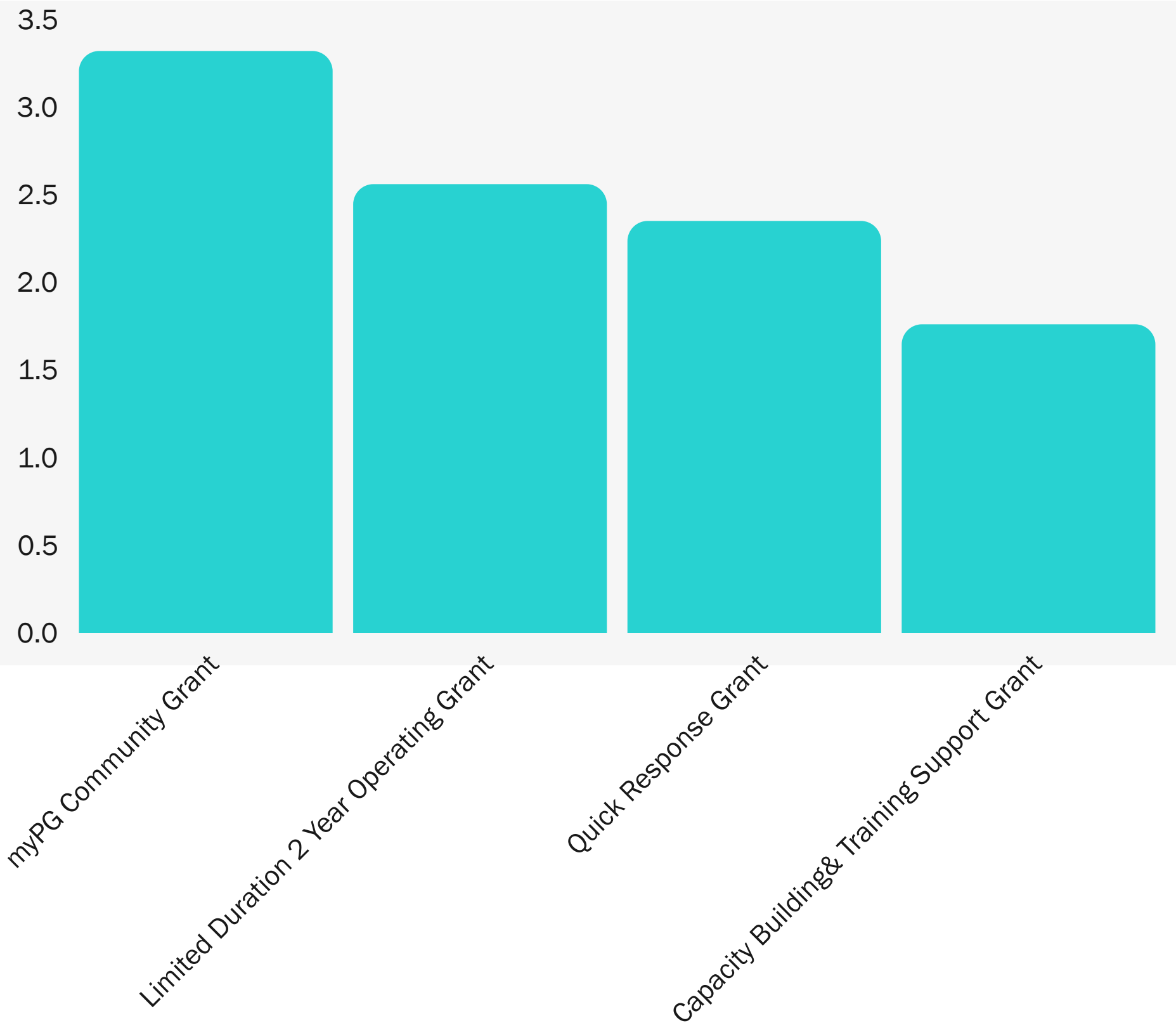
Large NFP

WHAT IS YOUR ORGANIZATIONS MAIN AREA OF FOCUS?



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GRANT STREAMS PRIORITY OVERALL SCORES

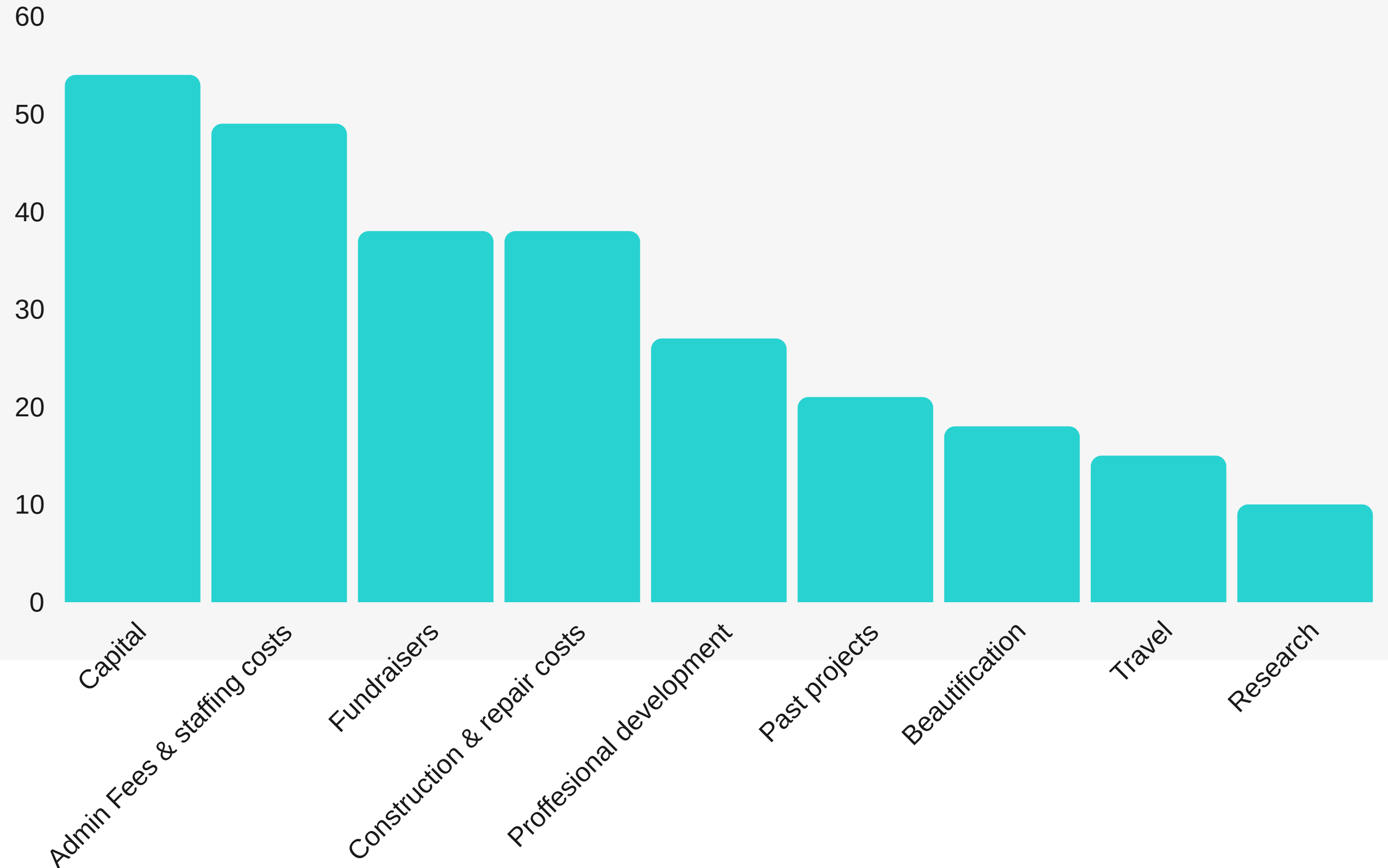


SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER GRANT STREAMS:

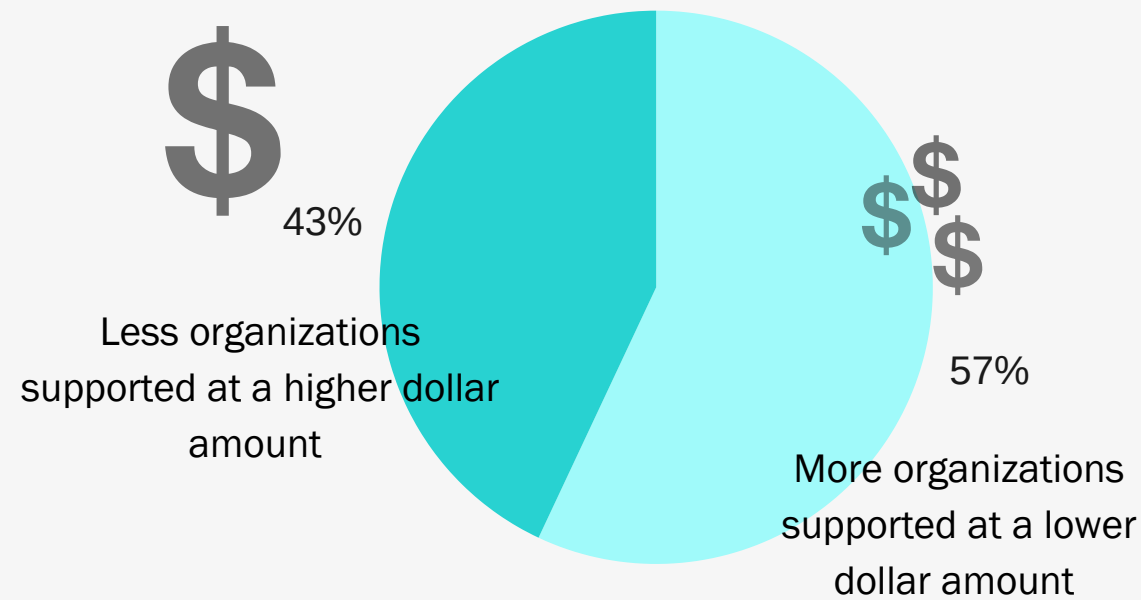
- Environmental
- Youth
- Healthy transportation
- Longer term projects
- Athletes/competitive sports teams
- Sport tournaments
- Food security
- Staff wages
- Community voted on themes ex. inclusion, health equity, literacy etc.
- Significant infrastructure grants
- Events
- Public art/beautification
- Seniors centres
- One time events or special one times projects
- Collaboration of like minded organizations
- Peer supported projects

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GRANT CRITERIA
THAT IS
CURRENTLY
INELIGIBLE BUT
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**LIMITED
DURATION 2
YEAR
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FUNDING
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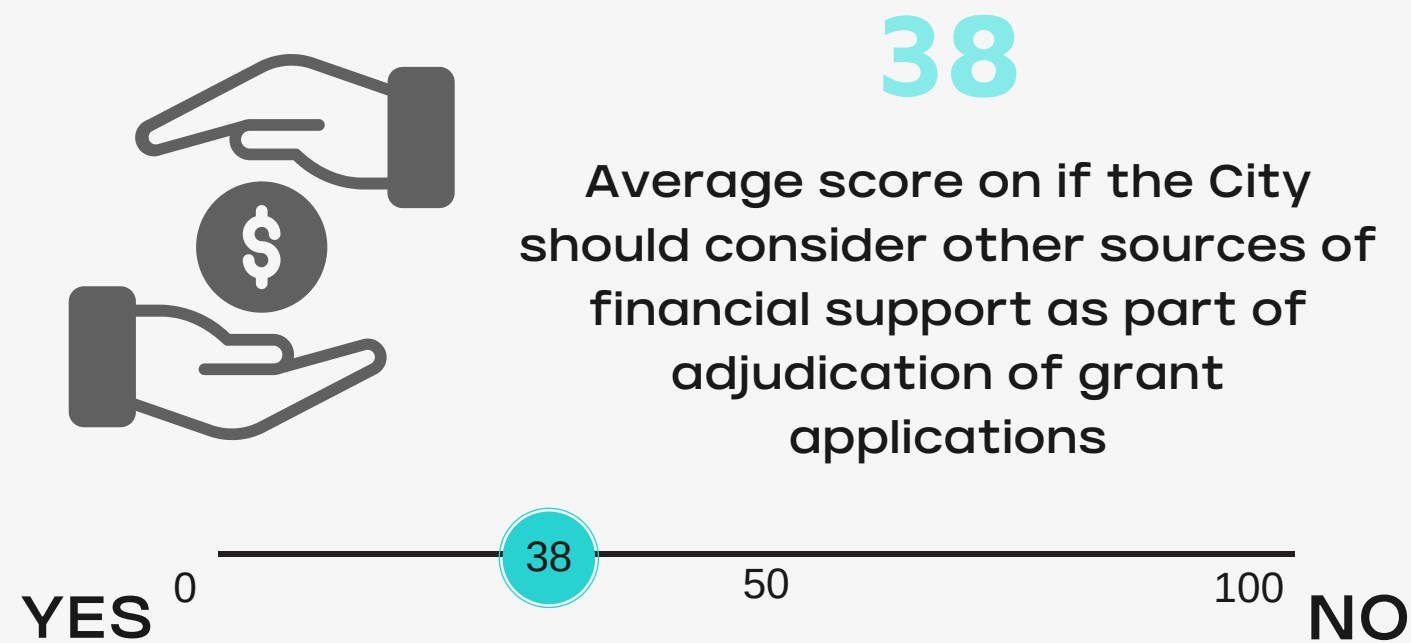


**SUGGESTIONS ON FAIR ACCESS TO LIMITED
DURATION 2 YEAR OPERATING GRANT:**

- Focus on organizations that may or may not have been funded as often or for as much
- Require a history of successfully executed projects (quick response and/or myPG, Celebrate) before eligible for operating grants
- Allocate grants to different arts and cultural groups, not the same ones every year
- Ensure that all sectors are given grants
- Ensure there is a grant available to all levels of NFP's but limit them to once you have had a grant you need to wait 2 years before you apply again
- One time only
- Operating cost are the responsibility of the NGO not the City. Put operating dollars into programs (including salary to run them) and continue with permissive tax exemptions, cheap leases on City property
- The organization should show a plan for sustainability
- More publicity and notice

**COMMENTS CONSIDERING OTHER
SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

- The merit of the proposed event or program is more important than the overall financial status of the organization
- The more information for those adjudicating the pool of applicants the better
- All other funders include this type of information
- I don't want property tax exemptions as it is the taxpayers who always end up paying the cost
- Consideration for those who do not receive financial support but do not think it should be punitive for those who do
- Some organizations have their rents subsidized. That should be taken into account so that it levels the playing field for organizations that don't have subsidies
- Property tax exemptions are a basic contribution to offset the fact that government has downloaded most of the responsibilities for social work onto the backs of charities and volunteers. Charging them property taxes would be crazy so it shouldn't count against their application for actual operating funds



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**CAPACITY
BUILDING
TRAINING &
SUPPORT MOST
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IDEAS, EXAMPLES OR TEMPLATES FROM OTHER SOURCES TO MAKE REPORTING EASIER



- Standardize and streamline reports
- Reports should be as least onerous as possible
- Reporting that follows the format of the application form
- Face to face, in person or virtual, delivery of reporting
- Reporting for BC Arts Council and Canada Council is very easy
- Northern Health Imagine Grants has an easy and straightforward reporting process
- Vancouver Foundation- interviews and structured zoom conferences instead of written reports
- NDIT reporting structure is quite comprehensive and is done in a way that makes sense to the intention behind the reporting and allows for an organization to learn how to structure the behind-the-scenes aspects of a program if this is new to them/the organization
- Northern Health has quarterly network calls for reporting where we talk with other fundees around what activities we are taking part in, successes and challenges. Find this engaging and an opportunity to learn from others, and is an open space to ask questions

IS IT A BARRIER TO DEMONSTRATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER GROUPS WHEN APPLYING & REPORTING ON CITY GRANTS



51%
NO



20%
DONT KNOW



29%
YES

YES (PLEASE EXPLAIN)

- When applying for grants many are done by unpaid volunteers, in their donated time. As an individual who has written many grant applications, less is more. The more onerous the grant application process becomes the more often the smaller groups do not apply
- Our partnerships are sometimes with other small not-for-profits with minimal staffing, which can make it difficult to collect the proof required if there is not enough time
- Many organizations are working tirelessly to keep the doors/programs open and do not have the capacity to reach out or develop relationships with other community partners in the way that they would like to
- Sometimes there are no partnerships to share
- Its hard to coordinate and it takes a lot of admin time which we don't have
- These kinds of requirements incentivize artificial partnerships, as the timelines for grant applications are not aligned with internal relationship timelines



Thank You for Participating in the 2024 City Grants Design Survey.

We sincerely appreciate your participation in our 2024 survey on Designing New City Grants. Your valuable insights and feedback play a crucial role in shaping the future of our City's grant programs. Your input helps ensure that our initiatives are better aligned with the needs and priorities of our community.

-City of Prince George Community Grants Team