In May 2020, Prosperity Indiana surveyed 124 organizations (primarily nonprofits) to learn the impact of COVID-19 on their work. The results summarized here are meant to inform funders and policymakers regarding the needs resulting from COVID-19.

The Demographics

Annual Operating Budget

- Under $250,000
- $250,000 - $499,999
- $500,000 - $999,999
- $1 million - $4.9 million
- $5 million - $9.9 million
- $10 million - $24.9 million
- $25 million +

Organization Representation
- Nonprofits 78%
- Units of Government 11%
- Education 4%
- Private Businesses 7%

The Impact

What Organizations are Experiencing
- Cancelled programs or events
- Disrupted services
- Budgetary implications
- Increased demand for services & assistance
- Disrupted supplies or services from partners
- Increased or sustained staff & volunteer absences
- Staff layoffs, furloughs, or reduced programs
- Other

Months of Cash Reserves on Hand
- Less than 1 month: 19.6%
- 1-3 months: 28.4%
- 4-6 months: 27.5%
- 7-9 months: 3.9%
- 10+ months: 20.6%
COVID-19 Impact (continued)

How Organizations are Responding

- Changing in-person events to virtual events
- Encouraging proper hygiene & protection practices
- Rescheduling or cancelling programs & events
- Staying informed via news, media, CDC, & state updates
- Increased cleaning & sanitizing
- Revisiting or implementing remote work policies
- Encouraging employees who feel sick to stay home
- Sharing COVID-19 related guidance with stakeholders
- Revisiting or updating sick leave policies
- Other

The Need

What Donors, Funders, and Government Officials Need to Know

- There is a higher demand for resources and assistance
- Operational costs have increased
- Overall flexibility is needed while adapting to meet current needs of communities
- There are high levels of stress while trying to adjust services and programs
- Essentials (like homes and food) are the foundation for our health and our community’s health
- Extra funding to help is greatly appreciated and would be efficiently and locally utilized to meet needs of communities

"We can’t do this without them."

Top Needs of Organizations

- Increased availability of funding and revenue streams to provide essential services and programs
- Flexibility in funding avenues and disbursement
- Easing of timelines and documentation requirements
- Support and understanding from stakeholders

"Organizations and leaders are resilient, innovative, and continuing forward in spite of circumstances."

"COVID has kicked everyone out of the box and then burned the cardboard."

"Things may be delayed but we will come back from this stronger than ever."

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