



Florida League of Cities

Center for Municipal Research & Innovation

MiniSurvey Series – Municipal Grants Procedures

The Center for Municipal Research & Innovation conducted a survey of the 412 municipalities in Florida regarding their grant-writing/application activities and any grants they may have received. The survey was conducted electronically from August 1-25, 2017 with a response rate of 28% or 116 cities.

Key Take-Aways

Of municipalities who responded:

- **84% of cities have applied for a grant in the last 12 months.**
 - More than $\frac{2}{3}$ of those cities (69%) have applied for a grant in the last 6 months.
 - Only 2.5% of cities have never applied for a grant.
- **80% of cities that have applied for a grant have received a grant in the last 12 months.**
 - Only 1% of cities that have applied for a grant have never received one.
 - For 64% of cities, at least one of their most recently received grants was federally funded.
 - Nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of state-funded grants (48%) were received from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and more than $\frac{1}{3}$ (34%) were received from the Florida Department of Transportation.
 - 38% of cities that have received grant funding received a grant from a non-federal/state government agency or a nonprofit agency. Nearly half (49%) of those grants were for infrastructure projects.
- **66% of cities that have received a grant utilized in-house staff for grant writing/applications.**
 - Two-thirds (67%) of cities have not received grant-writing/application training.
 - Of the cities that have received training, the most common sources were a consultant (32%), a government agency (29%) or a local college/university (24%).

Pages 2-3 of this report contain additional graphs of the data collected. Contact Research Analyst Liane Schrader at lschrader@flcities.com for the survey questions or additional information.

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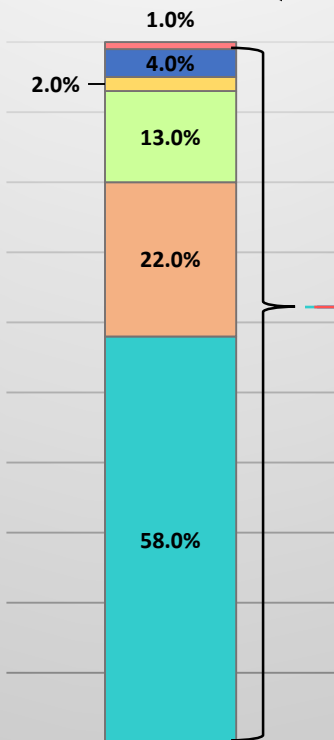
**Surveys are completed by members of each individual municipality and the FLC staff does not verify or cross-reference responses with other sources.*

Has Your City Applied for a Grant?

■ In the last 6 months
 ■ In the last 12 months
 ■ In the last 2 years
■ In the last 5 years
 ■ It's been more than 5 years
 ■ Never applied for a grant

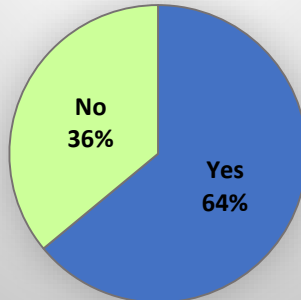


Has Your City Received a Grant?

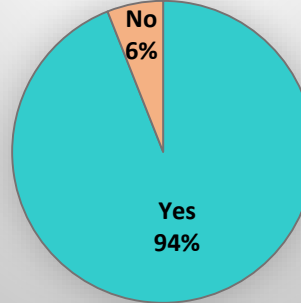


■ Never received a grant
■ It's been more than 5 years
■ In the last 5 years
■ In the last 2 years
■ In the last 12 months
■ In the last 6 months

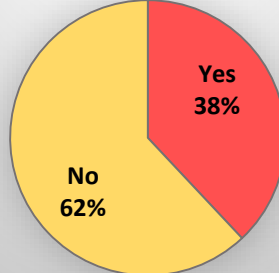
Were any of your most recent grants federally funded?



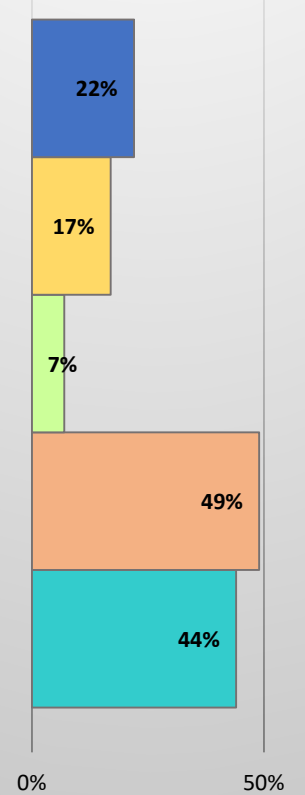
Were any of your most recent grants funded by the state?



Were any of your most recent grants funded by another government or nonprofit agency?

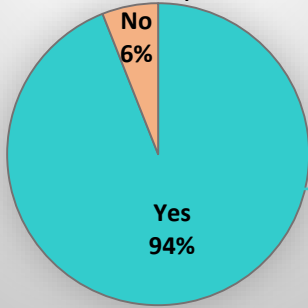


Was the grant funding from the nonprofit or other government agency for work in:

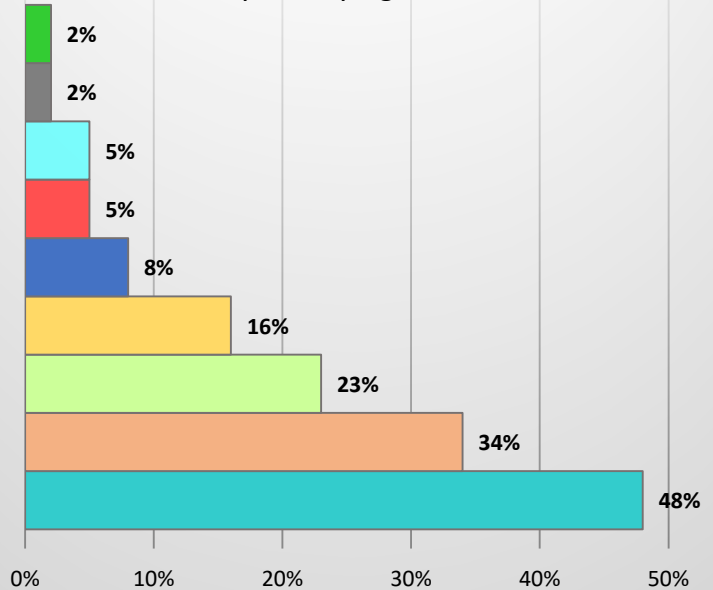


■ Community Development
■ Community Services
■ Housing
■ Infrastructure
■ Other

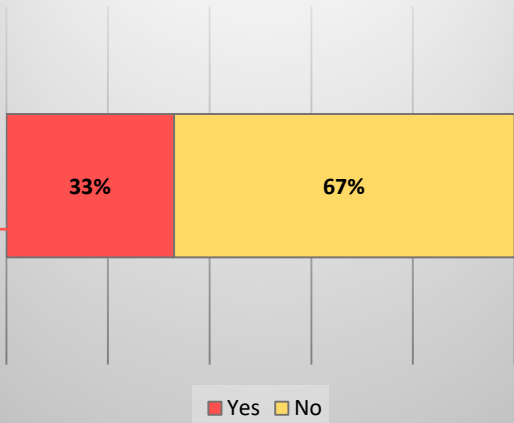
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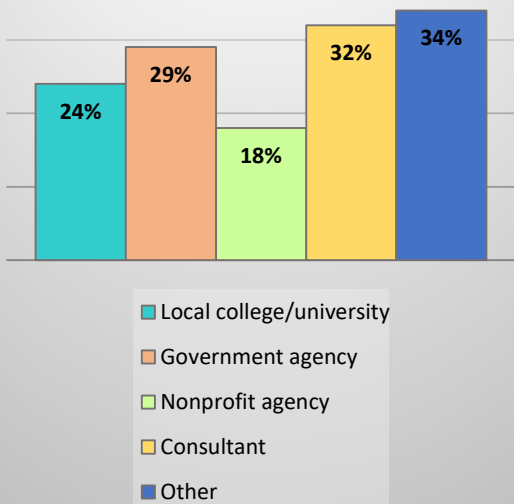
Which State of Florida department funded your city's grant?



Has your city received grant-writing/application training?



If your city received grant-writing training, who provided that training?



Does your city utilize in-house staff for grant writing or do you contract with a professional grant writer?

