ENHANCING FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIPS IN HOMELESSNESS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LA COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE'S SURVEY OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

MAY 2023



PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- I. Overview of Survey
- II. Methodology and Outreach Approach
- III. Survey Highlights
- IV. Recommended Strategies
- V. Questions and Answers





SURVEY COMPONENTS

General Survey

Targeting Faith-Based Organizations FBOs throughout LA County.

Part II Survey

FBOs who completed the General Survey to capture resource needs and capacity of FBOs.

throughout LA County.

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Focus Groups and Interviews

Focus Group sessions held in person and virtually

SURVEY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT • LA County HI email blast to FBO network & LA County list. CIM directly contacted FBOs throughout LA County. • FCEH members contacted FBOs in their networks. Other County agencies and partners distributed the survey. A total of 14 in person and online engagement sessions were conducted. • Site visits and interviews were also conducted by CIM.



SURVEY RESPONSES

 252 General Surveys completed 34 Part II Surveys completed







- Current FBO Landscape & Efforts
- Capacity Opportunities & Challenges
- **Recommended Strategies**

Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) are holistic in their approach and their contributions have been longstanding and often not measured, which results in government and other community-based agencies not seeing their full contributions and potential to make a difference in homelessness.

- 69% of FBOs who completed the survey are providing most of their services and support in the areas of tangible goods, donations, meals and groceries.
- In the area of housing, temporary shelter, and facilities, 16.6% (42) provide access to showers or restrooms, 14.6% provide housing or shelter (37), 3.9% (10) host a Winter Shelter Program, and 1.9% (5) offer their sites for safe parking.

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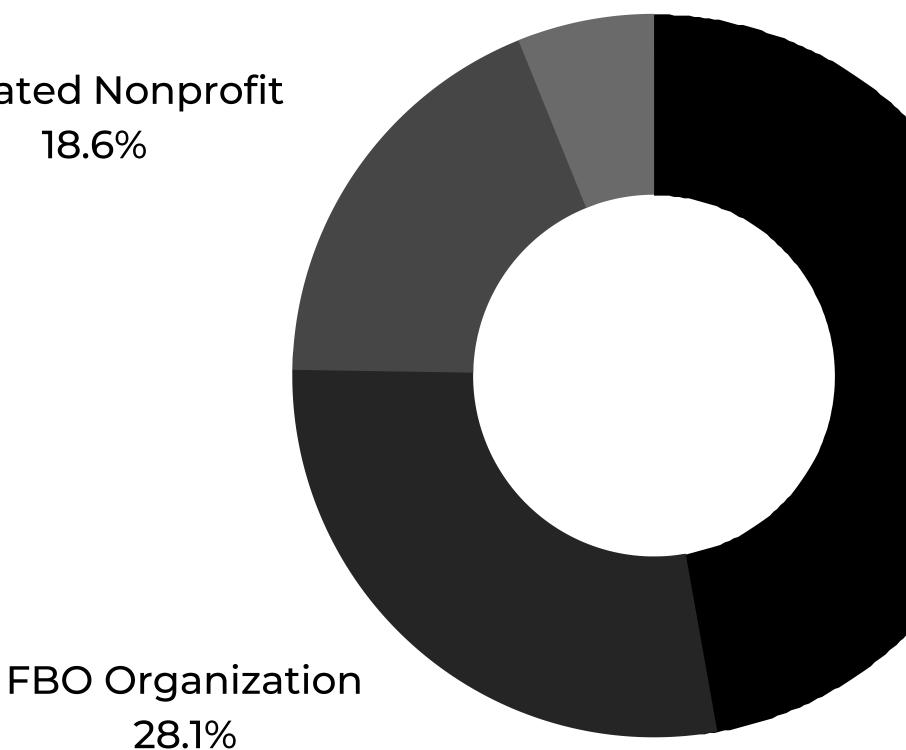
- 78.6% (198) of FBOs reported they currently partner with government and nonprofit agencies to provide services and support to people in need.
- The COVID-19 pandemic (particularly when there were mandated shutdowns of facilities and businesses) had a significant impact on FBOs' service and resource capacity.
- FBOs need a variety of support and training to increase their capacity to better serve people experiencing homelessness.



FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION TYPE

PW Satellite Location

6.1%



Affiliated Nonprofit 18.6%



Place of Worship (PW) 47.2%

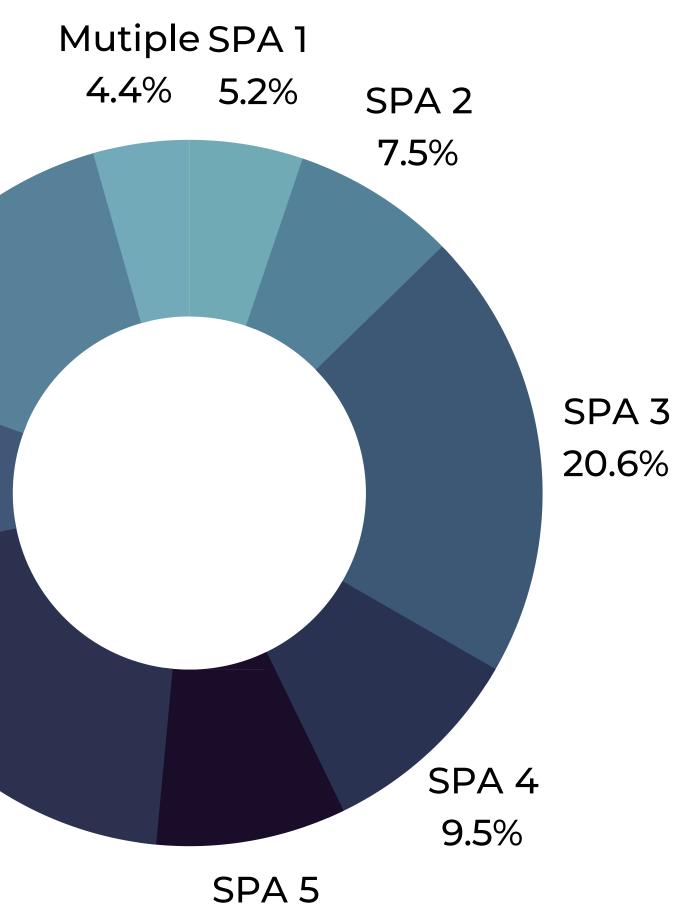
GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF RESPONDENTS

SPA 7 8.7%

> SPA 6 20.3%

SPA 8

15.1%



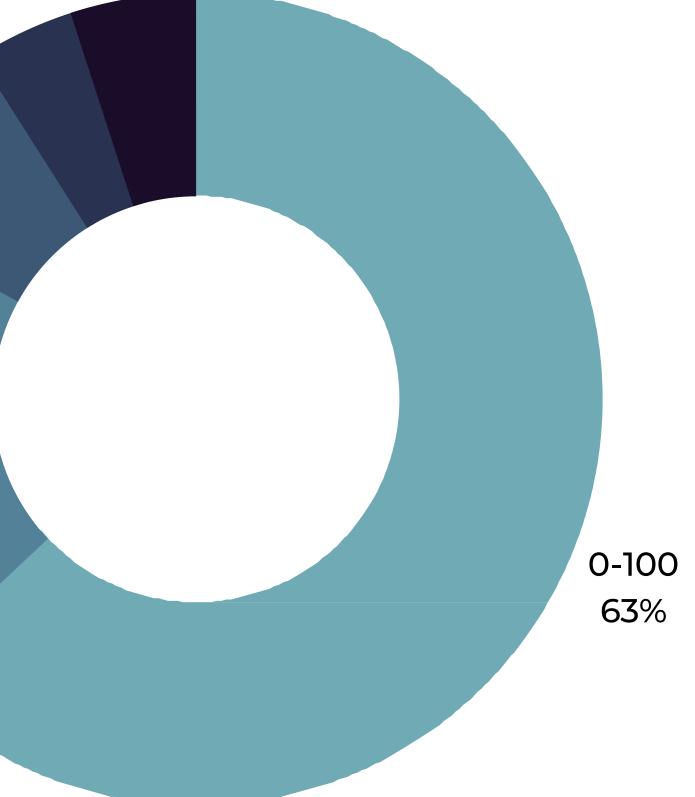
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AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS

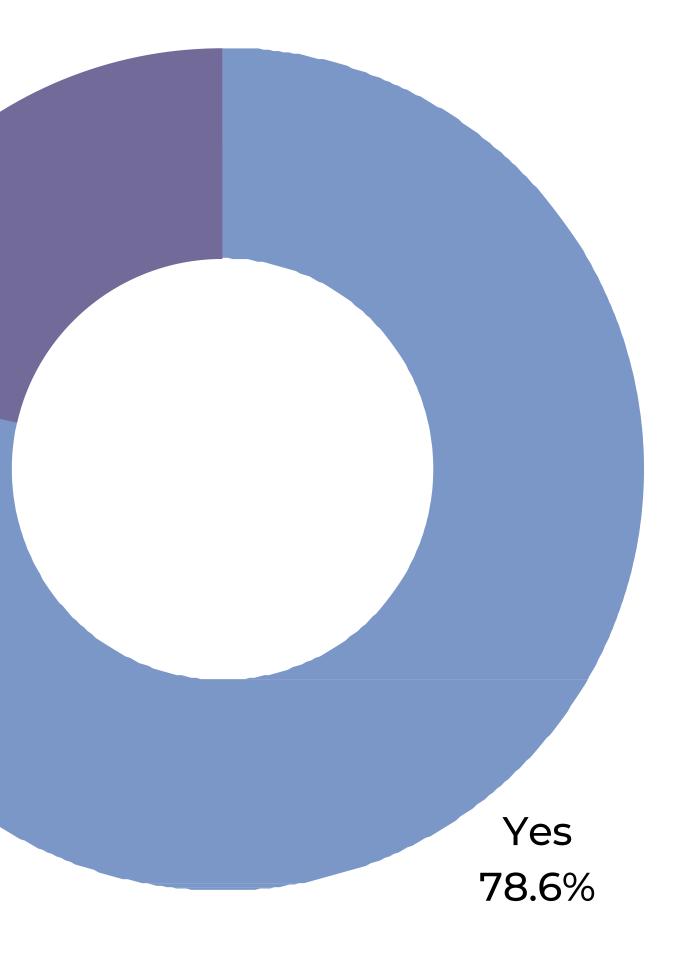
The COVID-19 Pandemic had a large impact in declining attendance at FBOs who identified as, or are affiliated with a place of worship.

1000-2000 4% 350-1000 8% 101-300 20%





PARTNERSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENT AND NON PROFIT AGENCIES



No

21.4%

CURRENTLY PROVIDING SUPPORT, SERVICES AND/OR PROGRAMS

 Number
 %

 Yes
 210
 83.7%

 No
 41
 16.3%

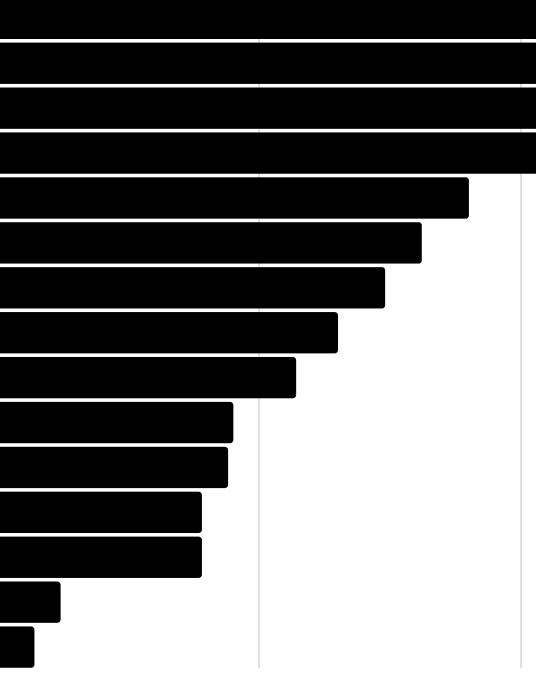
 Total
 252

NO 16.3%



WAYS IN WHICH FBOS SUPPORT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Collect tangible goods & dontations Meals & groceries **Partner with nonprofit agencies** Send volunteers to feed homeless Conduct encampment outreach **Financial assistance** Mental health & wellness Participate in homeless count Offer support or peer mentoring groups Shower or restroom facilities **Agencies rent facilities Housing & shelter** Job training & employment support Host winter shelter programs Host a Safe Parking program



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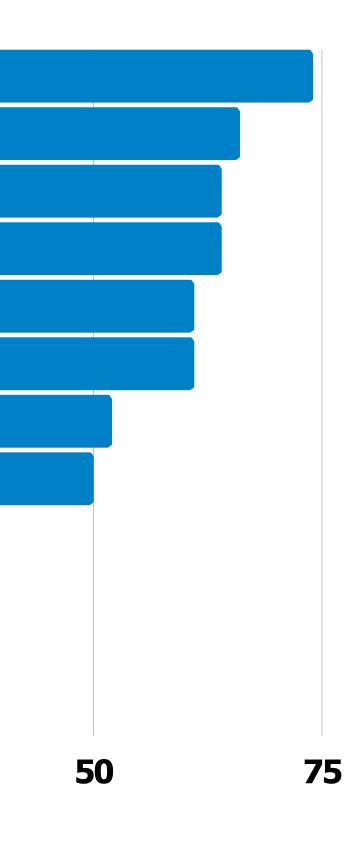


WAYS IN WHICH FBOS WANT TO SERVE OR EXPAND

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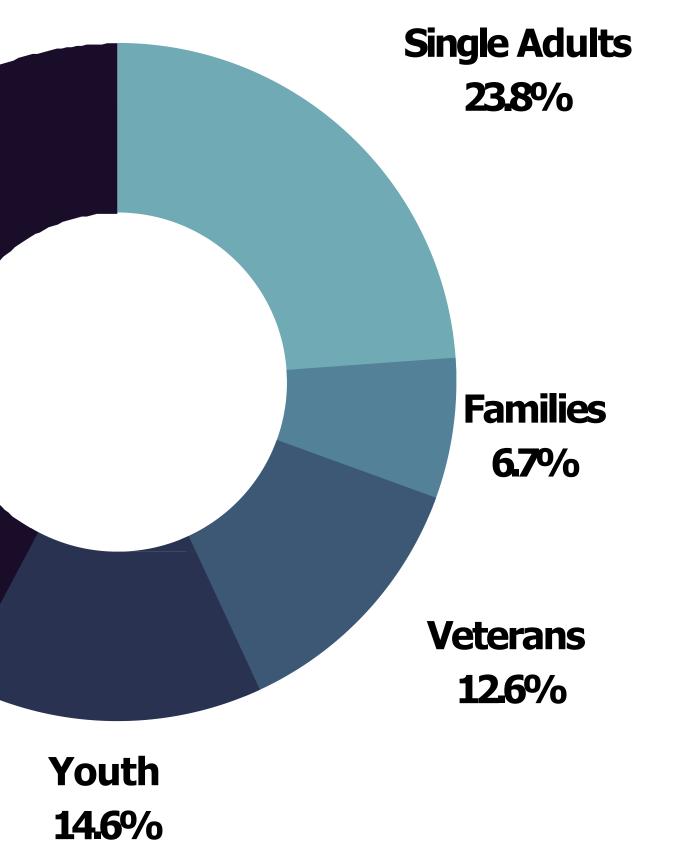
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Outreach & Engagement Counseling & Mental Health Mental Health & Wellness **Meals & Groceries** Job Training& Support **Tangible Goods & Resources Financial Assistance Rent Facilities to Agencies Shower or Restrooms** Housing at Sites/Properties **Temporary Shelter** Other



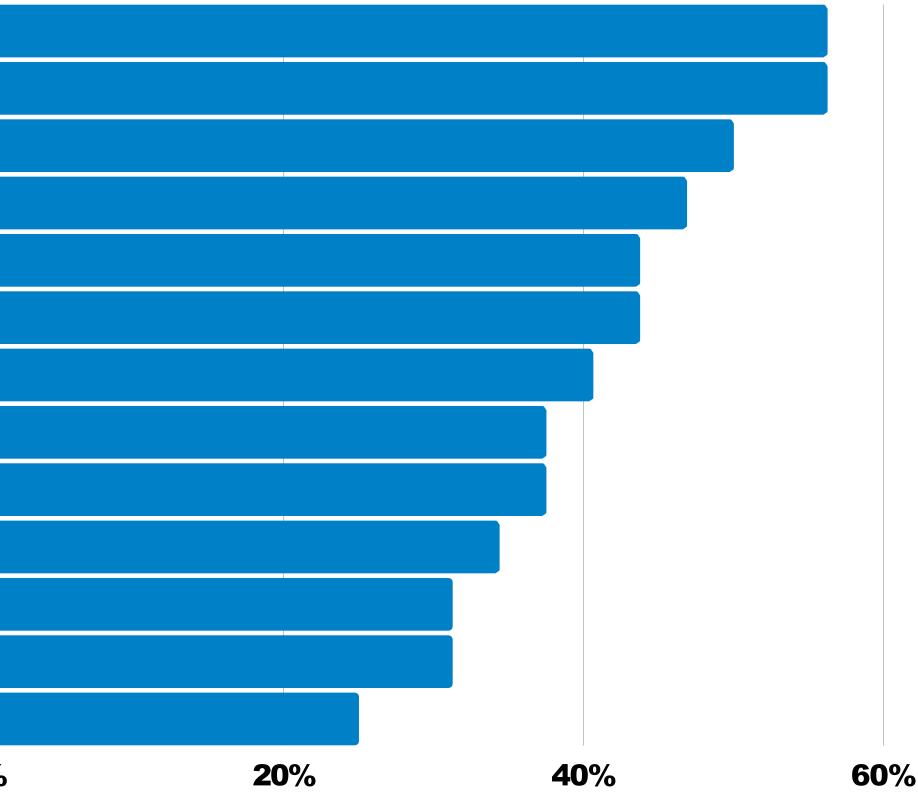
GROUP(S) OF PEOPLE CURRENTLY SERVED

Multiple 42.3%



TRAINING AND SUPPORT NEEDED

Fundraising and Resource Development Building Partnerships with Other Organizations Building A Housing Program Homeless Systems and Services Overview Contracting with Government Program Services and Planning Community Engagement and Planning Evaluation and Data Management Property Management Communication and Marketing Financial Planning and Management Administrative Budgeting and Planning Volunteer Recruitment and Management



COMMENTS

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RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES



ADVANCE CONCRETE COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES





IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SHARING AMONG THE FAITH COMMUNITY & LA COUNTY

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INCREASE FUNDING & CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

INCREASE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY IN **HOMELESS POLICY & ADVOCACY**

STRATEGY 1: ADVANCE CONCRETE COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

- Host bi-annual faith summits to engage FBOs on a regular basis.
- Establish or support faith collaboratives in each Service Planning Area throughout LA County, focused on homelessness.
- Create partnerships among FBOs, public agencies and service providers around homeless outreach efforts.
- Align the efforts of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) to support faith-based engagement.

STRATEGY 2: INCREASE FUNDING AND CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FBOS

- Create a separate funding stream for FBOs that is flexible and easily accessible and where all funding sources, inclusive of private donations and philanthropic funding are managed in the same way.
- Develop a comprehensive capacity building approach focused on increasing FBO participation in homeless services.

STRATEGY 3: IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SHARING AMONG THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND LA COUNTY

- Improve the centralization and access of homeless information and resources.
- Develop a system and an approach to send regular updates to FBOs.
- Provide a mechanism for the FBOs to provide feedback and guidance to LA County and LAHSA about resources and needs of people experiencing homelessness in the communities FBOs serve.
- Develop effective and consistent opportunities for FBOs to communicate and connect with the homeless services delivery system locally and through the Faith-Based Commission on Homelessness.

STRATEGY 4: INCREASE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY IN HOMELESS POLICY AND ADVOCACY

- Develop countywide information and policy priorities that faith communities, and their leaders can access and apply in their communities and regions.
- Designate faith representatives to be involved in policy and advocacy efforts and groups that are convened countywide and regionally. • Develop and implement a training and technical assistance system focused on increasing the faith community's policy and advocacy
- knowledge and experience.