

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX AMENDMENT NONPROFIT IMPACT SURVEY

Florida Nonprofit Alliance surveyed nonprofit organizations to better understand how the proposed property tax amendment could affect their organizations and the communities they serve.

83 organizations from across the state responded.

92%

ANTICIPATE AN IMPACT

76 of 83 respondents said the proposed amendment could affect their organization or the communities they serve.

5 were unsure. Only 2 said they did not anticipate an impact.



WHO COULD BE AFFECTED

Respondents identified the following groups as potentially affected. Numbers reflect the number of respondents who selected each group.



58

Children and youth



52

Families



51

Individuals with low incomes



48

Other nonprofit organizations



45

The broader community

WHAT'S AT STAKE

When asked to describe what community-based services would be most significantly affected, respondents cited:



Children's mental health & early intervention



Arts & cultural programs



After-school & summer programs



Services for people with disabilities



Homelessness prevention & shelter



Health care



Sexual assault & crime-victim services

Many respondents cited concerns that reductions in funding to nonprofit and community-based services would simply shift demand to more expensive crisis-response systems.

"Reducing funding for children's mental health services does not eliminate the need for those services. It simply shifts costs to schools, emergency rooms, law enforcement, and juvenile justice systems."

-Tykes & Teens, Inc., Stuart, Florida



LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

69% of respondents currently receive funding from one or more Florida local governments. Among those organizations:



91%

said local government funding is highly important to carrying out their mission.



49%

receive at least 25% of their annual revenue from local government sources.



28%

receive at least half of their annual revenue from local government sources.

Respondents most commonly reported using this funding to support programs and services, personnel and staffing, general operations, facilities, and other organizational needs.

IMPACTS TO FUNDING AND SERVICES

Among organizations anticipating potential impacts:



77%

anticipate reductions in local government funding or in-kind services.



60%

anticipate increased need among the people and communities they serve.



51%

anticipate increased demand for their programs or services.



86%

anticipate greater competition for other fundraising sources.

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

If the amendment were to take effect, respondents would consider a range of potential operational changes:



65%

may cut programs or services, or turn clients away



54%

may reduce staffing



51%

may delay program expansion



48%

may draw on financial reserves



32%

may leave positions vacant

