



FEDERAL PULSE POLL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Together SC, in partnership with the SC Grantmakers Network, polled nonprofits in South Carolina to assess the levels of impact federal policies have had on operations. The poll was conducted May 7-21, 2025 and included 319 responding organizations.

Data from our poll makes it clear that changing federal policy landscapes have brought direct impacts to the nonprofit sector in South Carolina, though these impacts are felt differently across various factors.

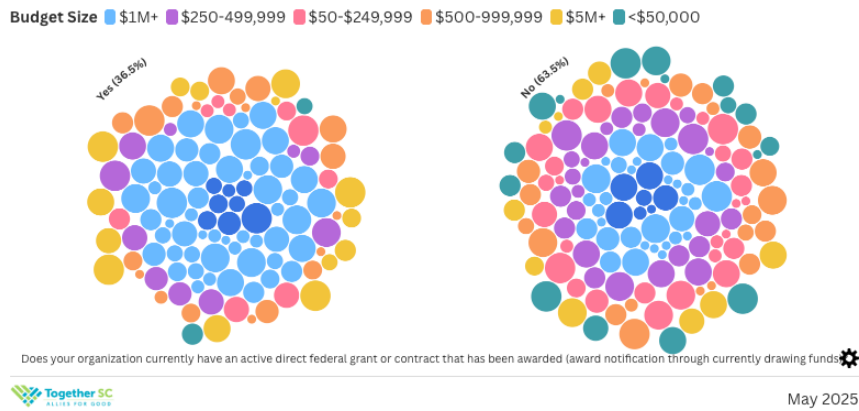
Key Takeaways:

1) While funding impacts to nonprofits have not been broad, they have been deep.

A majority of respondents do not have active federal grant awards (63%), and a majority of those with federal awards have not seen their funding canceled and/or paused (70%).

Those that have seen grants canceled or paused (30% of those with active federal awards) tend to have higher percentages of their funding from public sources (52% of funding) than those without canceled grants (34% of funding), and saw varying levels of funding frozen or canceled, ranging from \$7,500 to over \$1 million.

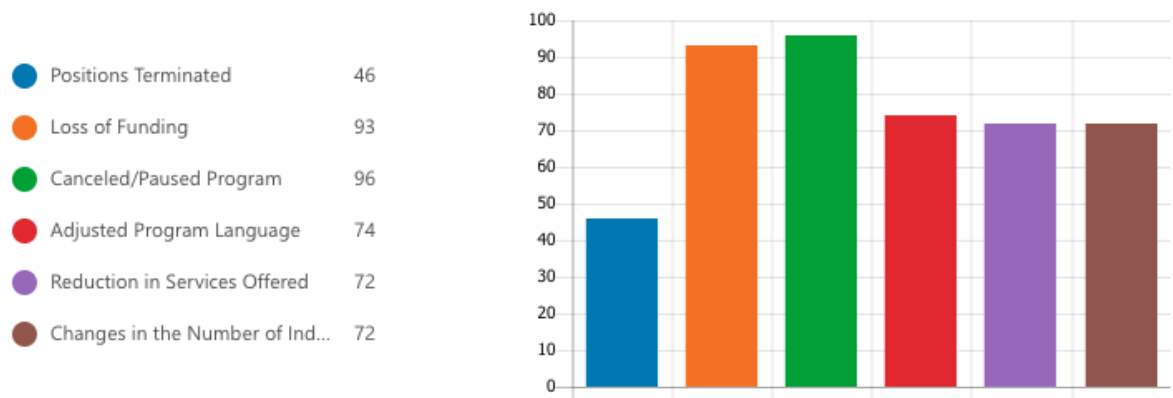
Organizations with Active Federal Grant or Contract



2) A majority of respondents, regardless of public funding, have had to alter their operations due to federal policy shifts.

These changes have included (ranked in order):

- a. Paused or Canceled Programs
21% of Responses, 30% of Respondents
- b. Loss of Funding
20% of Responses, 29% of Respondents
- c. Adjusted Program Language
16% of Responses, 23% of Respondents
- d. Reduction in Services Offered
15.8% of Responses, 22.5% of Respondents
- e. Changes in the Number of Clients/Individuals Served
15.8% of Responses, 22.5% of Respondents
- f. Positions Terminated
10% of Responses, 14% of Respondents



3) Nonprofits are cautiously planning for the next six months.

Roughly 49% of respondent organizations have either planned negative impacts to their organization in the next six months, or are actively preparing for them, while about 33% have neutral expectations over the same horizon.

Budget Size: \$1M+ (blue), \$250-499,999 (purple), \$50-\$249,999 (pink), \$500-999,999 (orange), \$5M+ (yellow), <\$50,000 (teal)



4) **The nonprofit sector isn't just looking for funding to help with these changing dynamics, they are eager for support and training across their operations.**

Respondents, across the board, see value in the following programs being offered:

- a. Grant Management
18% of Responses, 38% of Respondents
- b. Scenario Planning
16% of Responses, 34% of Respondents
- c. Financial Management
14% of Responses, 30% of Respondents
- d. Public Policy
14% of Responses, 30% of Respondents
- e. Program Management/Evaluation
12% of Responses, 25% of Respondents
- f. Internship Programs
10% of Responses, 21% of Respondents
- g. Board Governance
9% of Responses, 18% of Respondents
- h. Other
7% of Responses, 15% of Respondents

Financial Management	97
Scenario Planning	109
Public Policy	95
Board Governance	58
Grant Management	120
Program Management/Evalua...	81
Internship Programs	67
Other	47

