

SURVEY RESPONSE SUMMARY April 2026

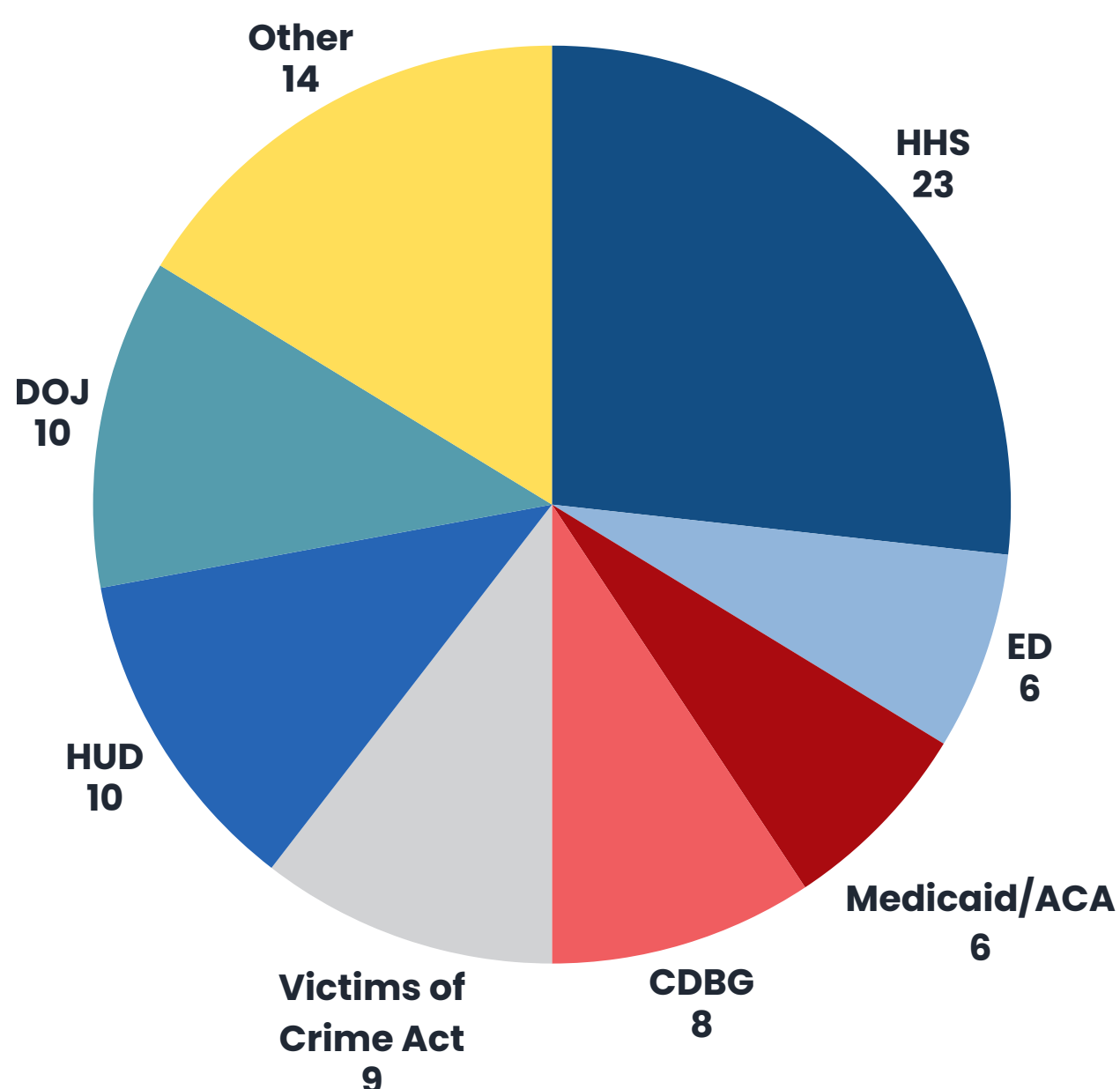
COMMUNITY RESPONSE

This survey was undertaken in Q4 2025 by a cross-sector coalition of organizations concerned about the impact federal funding cuts were having on our Central Texas nonprofits and those they serve.

This moment-in-time survey gathered data and insights from nonprofit organizations in our 5-county metro area, with the intention of helping inform collaboration, advocacy, funding support, and wrap around service efforts across our region.

Though the data continues to change, this snapshot provides important insights about the clear and direct impact that changes in public funding have on the services that nonprofit organizations are able to provide in our community.

FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES



FEDERAL FUNDING LOSSES

\$18 million+
IMMEDIATELY CUT
(14% of all federal funds received)

\$4.3 million
in federal funds have been
FROZEN

\$19.5 million
in federal funds are still
UNCERTAIN

\$42 million*
IMPACT or POTENTIAL IMPACT
**these self-reported numbers and feedback represent only a portion of the nonprofit sector.*



RESPONDENTS

82 distinct nonprofits responded

Top categories: 37 human services, 17 Education

Employment: 6400 staff (21% federally funded)

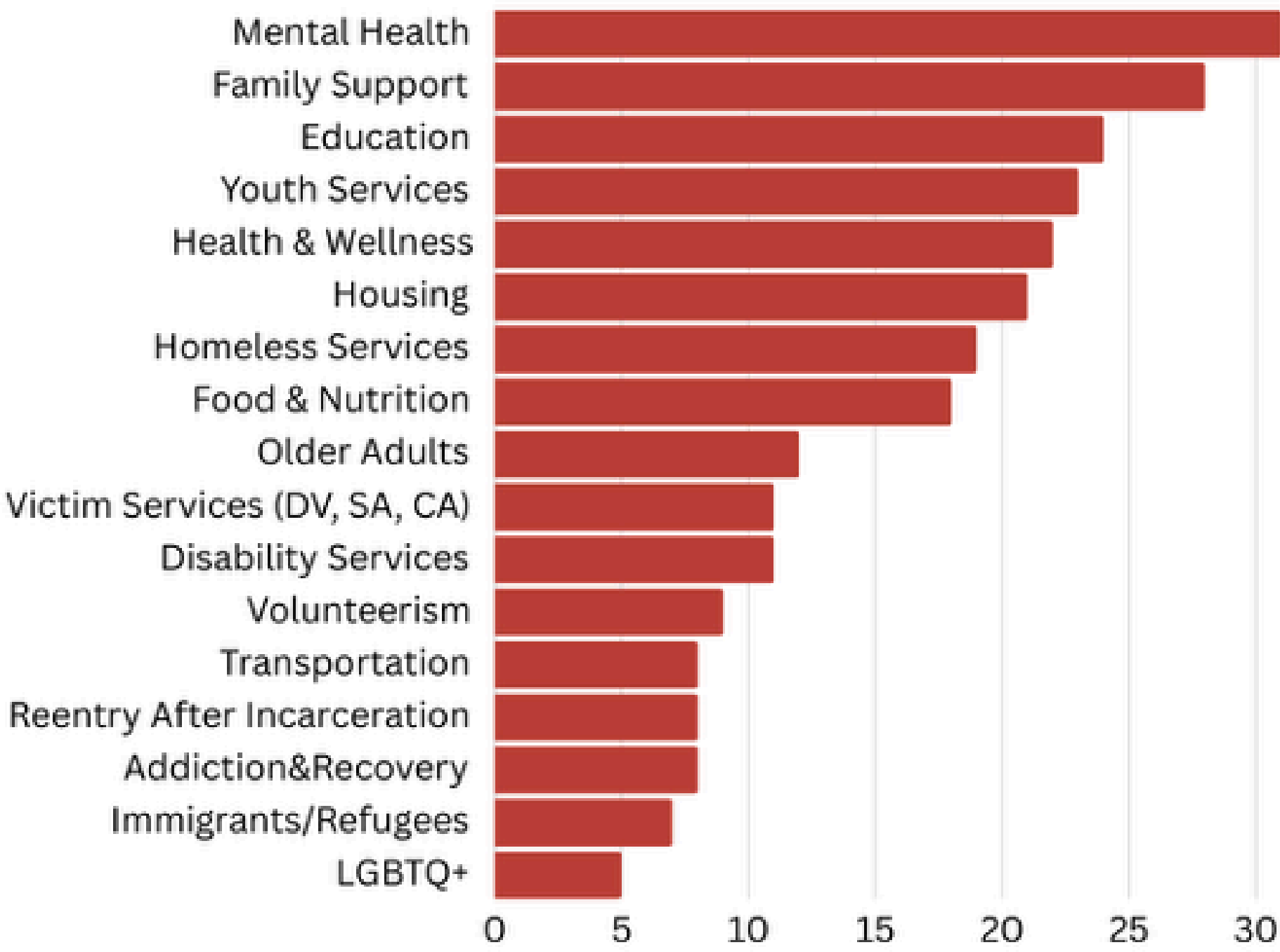
Annual Revenue: Most >\$1 million

Type funding: 20% direct, 55% indirect (passed through a larger org or government agency)

We are already seeing increased demand for services because of federal funding reductions affecting other nonprofits and support groups.

Nonprofit leader
indirectly impacted

FOCUS AREAS FOR SERVICES



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The culture created by these funding cuts is one that devalues nonprofits, the work we do and what we stand for. It suggests to Americans that we are somehow the enemy, which creates distrust, distraction and misinformation, the effects of which will have a profoundly damaging legacy.
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Nonprofit Executive Director

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...these cuts do more than shrink numbers, they weaken bridges and erode trust in the shared efforts...
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Nonprofit leader directly impacted

IMMEDIATE NONPROFIT ACTION

- 34% reduced services
- 28% reduced staff
- 35% reduced number served
- 24% reduced infrastructure investments
- 35% reduced job postings/froze hiring
- 52% anticipate more federal cuts this year
- 70 employees laid off + 40 more expected

HOW NONPROFITS ARE PLANNING FOR FUNDING LOSSES

What actions will you need to take to maintain your operations?

- 32** will need to reduce clients served
- 31** will suspend programs or services
- 27** will need to lay off staff
- 11** responded 'other'
- 5** aren't sure what will happen
- 3** will have to close their doors

What has your board considered or initiated to address funding losses?

- Finding new sources of revenue
- Collaborate for cost sharing
- Scenario planning / financial modeling
- Staff benefits reduction, salary freezes
- Delay hiring and/or layoffs
- Limiting the number of clients served
- Sunsetting programs or delaying delivery
- Merge with another organization

CURRENT FUNDING LANDSCAPE

TRENDS & INSIGHTS

There is ongoing instability in all levels and areas of funding:

- Individual donors are concerned about current and future economic pressures.
- Businesses are revisiting community giving plans, with many pulling back.
- Government agencies are facing tightening budgets and cuts to critical programs.
- Private foundations and other funding sources are overwhelmed with demand.
- Larger nonprofits with federal funding losses are increasingly competing for the same resources that historically supported smaller nonprofits, compressing the entire sector’s financial capacity to serve.

LOCAL FUNDING CONTEXT

Nonprofits are continuing to deal with an ever-changing funding environment, making it difficult for them to plan services and staffing. Since the study was completed:

- Voters rejected Prop Q – The City of Austin immediately made a \$5.3 million cut to social service contracts in December.
- The Austin City Council was presented with a revised budget in early February which included an additional \$16.8 million in cuts to health and human services agencies in the 2026–2027 budget.
- I Live Here I Give Here’s Amplify Austin Day of Giving raised \$9.3 million in 2026, a \$400,000 reduction from 2025.
- Changes to SNAP (April 2026) and Medicaid eligibility (January 2027) will add increased pressure to local basic needs and health providers.

Federal funding cuts mean longer wait times, reduced access to life-saving services, and increased return to unsafe situations. These gaps in funding create real risk and deepen trauma.

Nonprofit leader directly impacted

Coalition to Assess Federal Funding Impact

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| One Voice Central Texas | St. David’s Foundation |
| United Way for Greater Austin | Nonprofit Austin at ACC |
| Austin Public Health | Central Health |
| Travis County Health & Human Services | Sooch Foundation |
| Austin Community Foundation | I Live Here I Give Here |
| Austin/Travis County Public Health Commission | |