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Represented Sector

75% Community-based organization

*Artists (4%), Banks (4%) Businesses (7%), Entrepreneurs (4%), Developers (4%) & Residents (7%).

Geographic Focus

- 42% Targeted Milwaukee neighborhoods
- 42% City of Milwaukee
- 16% Wisconsin

Confidence in Organization Resources

- Extremely Confident: 11%
- Somewhat Confident: 11%
- Not Confident: 21%
- Confident: 25%
- Slightly Confident: 32%

Current Impacts & Anticipated Impacts

- 85% Disruption of services to clients & communities
- 59% Increased demand for services/support from clients & communities
- 67% Disruption of services provided by partners & Budgetary Implications related to Economy
- 44% Increased & sustained staff & volunteer absences
- 96% Cancellation of programs or events
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Technology Support

50%

Need to host virtual meetings, trainings & computers
*Phones (8%), Internet access (17%), provide virtual services (33%)

At this moment in time, what is the greatest need for your organization & the community/people you serve?

- Understanding the current needs of the community when it comes to safety and resources and possibly preparing for a large break out of COVID-19 within the Near West Side as we are a very densely populated community.
- Getting the word out that we are offering programming remotely - sending them to our web site, etc.
- Information on where the need is
- We need help pushing communication about the new emergency order to youth and finding ways to strengthen communication amongst neighborhoods.
- Funding that can be provided directly to clients.
- Technology. Many of our clients do not have access to a computer as our offices are closed. Also the libraries are closed so that is also not an option.
- For our community equal language information. Most of the information out there is in English and not coming as much in Spanish or other languages.
- Organization - Immediate funds to retain staff.
- Funding
- Ability to service our stakeholders
- People need to stay home to curb the COVID-19 spread
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- A reliable source for relevant information for MKE county and state of WI related to COVID-19 that's current.
- I need a job
- Financial resources to pay staff and online service delivery.
- We will not be able to pay our staff in 2 months. Our sales have plummeted because we wholesale our products to other small retail stores. Our retail sales are also way down, as the future of our economy is uncertain. We have a small business startup space along with our retail store and studio. If these renters can’t pay their rent, we are going to run out of money sooner. We need access to funds with low interest.
- Resources that ensure that people will be equipped to weather the crisis in their homes. That means, for starters, that they need to not be faced with income or food shortages, eviction or foreclosure.
- Emergency financial resources to offset loss of revenue and cancellation of fundraising events.
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- Collaborative industry, government and non-profit plan for serving small business and home owners.
- Safe & Sound is working to stay connected to both residents and youth in the communities we serve. We are conducting detailed phone outreach to adults and have a daily youth virtual meeting.
- Our biggest concerns are around equitable care. We know that most of our community work in service and that they are being sent home from their jobs already.
- Information and guidance on what to do as a landlord for affordable housing when people become infected. How do we protect the rest of the tenants and support those infected, how do we cover project operating costs if/when tenants cannot pay rent due to lack of employment income and/or illness?
- Staying connected and knowledgeable about the needs and experiences of neighborhoods.
- Emergency funding to keep small businesses open. Funding for staff to keep their jobs. I am sure my colleagues will have other ideas based on their roles.
- Clarification on what sort of debt relief will be available, given that we expect many residents to be stressed to make regular rent payments.
- #1: mitigating the community spread of COVID-19 to reduce deaths and "flatten the curb"