



COVID-19 Response + Recovery Cross- Functional Team Update

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1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez



2. CFT Operations Overview

Chief Mario D'Agostino



3. CAO Overview

- ❖ Governor Abbott renews COVID-19 Disaster Declaration
- ❖ Emergency Ordinances Re-enactments
- ❖ City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support

Karla Nieman

Governor Abbott's Disaster Declarations

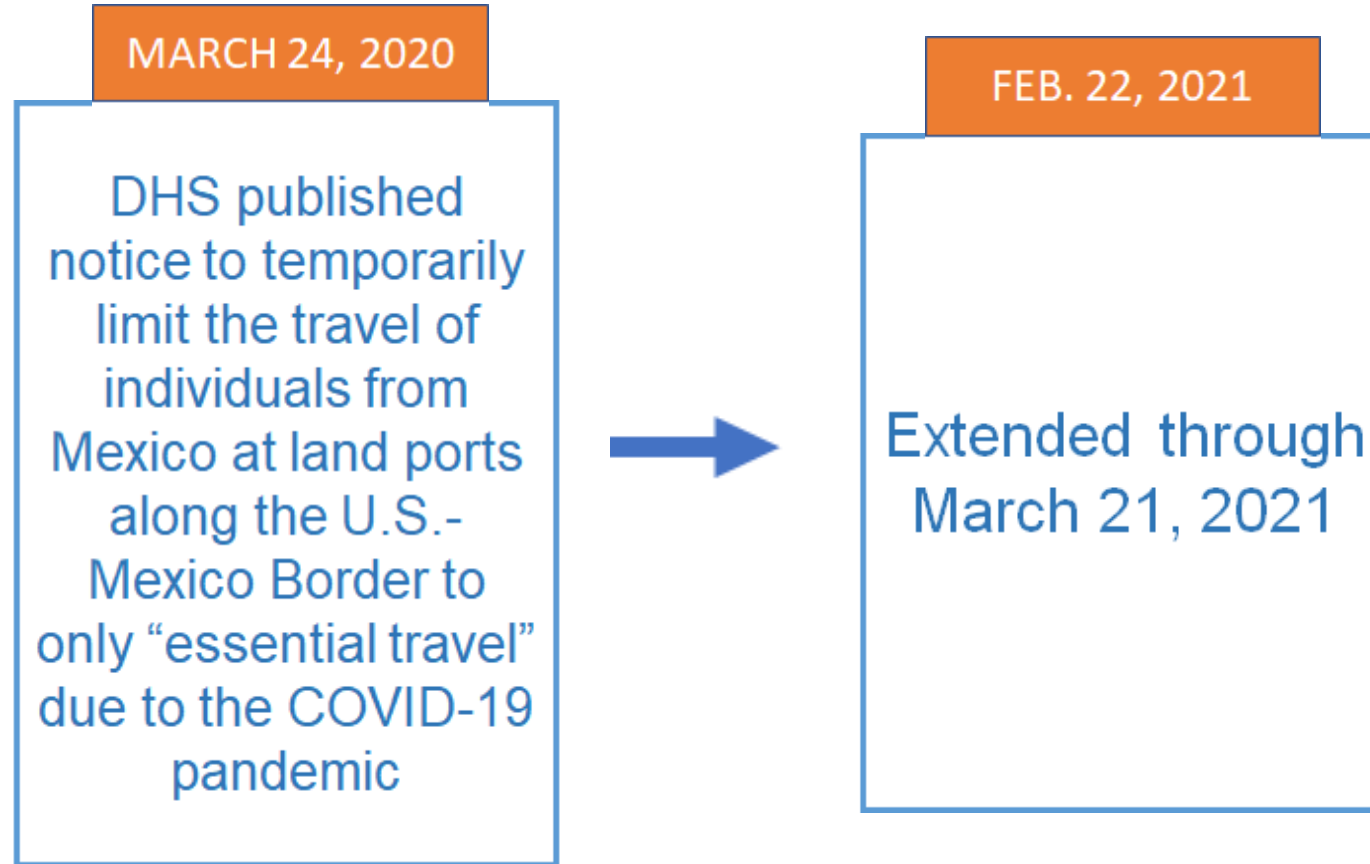


*Anticipate Governor Abbott will renew his Disaster Declaration between March 4th – 7th.

Emergency Ordinances

Ordinance	Adoption Date	Last Re-enactment	Expires
Disaster Declaration Ord. No. 019035	3/17/2020	2/1/2021	3/3/2021
Emergency Measures Ord. No. 019036	3/17/2020	2/1/2021	3/3/2021
Public Right of Way Ord. No. 019091	8/31/2020	2/1/2021	3/3/2021

Travel Restrictions – Land Ports of Entry



Restricted Non-essential travel—individuals traveling for tourism purposes (e.g. sightseeing, recreation, gambling, or attending cultural events)

City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support

- ❖ LHA Guidance on Long Term Care Facilities
- ❖ Vaccination Mega Site Lease
 - ❖ Walk-in & drive-through site
 - ❖ Centrally located – Civic Center
 - ❖ Accessible to public transportation
- ❖ Support to HR Department
 - ❖ Face covering policy
 - ❖ Process to place furloughed employees into vacant positions

City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support

Upcoming March Hearings on COVID-19 Citations



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The City Attorney's Office continues to provide enforcement training on local, state and federal COVID-19 guidelines to the City's Fire and Police Departments.

4. Team Lead Reports



1. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.



COVID-19 Snapshot

- ❖ Declining trend on positive cases continues.
- ❖ Cases have declined about 32% from February 1st. to February 24.
- ❖ Positivity rate is declining now at around 5%
- ❖ Demand for testing continue to be low.
- ❖ Slow downward trend hospitalizations (-13%) February 1 to February 24



COVID-19 Snapshot

- ❖ Rate of Asymptomatic patients about 16%
- ❖ Currently our TSA area COVID Hospitalization declining and now at 16%
- ❖ CFR is 1.66%

COVID-19 New Information

- ❖ Variants of Concern spreading around the world.
- ❖ Other variants of interest are circulating in the US
- ❖ We remain vigilant for new variants of concern
- ❖ COVID-19 vaccination an important tool in prevention and protection
- ❖ New Johnson and Johnson vaccine in the horizon



2. Vaccination Update

Angela Mora

Johnson & Johnson /Janssen Vaccine Update

- ❖ Food & Drug Administration advisory panel approval
- ❖ CDC ACIP recommendations

Johnson & Johnson /Janssen Vaccine Update

- ❖ 18 years of age and older
- ❖ No special refrigeration; 3 month; 2 Yr. frozen

Findings:

- ❖ Tried on over 40,000 – several w/ co-morbidities
- ❖ 66% overall efficacy
- ❖ 85% efficacy for preventing hospitalization/severe illness
- ❖ 3-4 million doses allocation at EUA
- ❖ 20 million by end of March

Education Taskforce Community Outreach

Senior Center Outreach –County meals program

❖ 12 City, 4 County = 16

Activities:

- ❖ On-site registration
- ❖ Calls - determine vaccination status, register
- ❖ Identify homebound
- ❖ Collaborate with community agencies for outreach in county areas

Education Taskforce Community Outreach

Outcomes

Target population 1,680 (meals enrollment)

- ❖ Total centers =7: Hilos de Plata, Happiness Senior Center, Grandview, Eastside, Polly Harris, South El Paso, Wellington Chew
- ❖ Next: Memorial, Friendly, and Chihuahua
- ❖ 1,466 reached, 176 enrolled
- ❖ 1866 homebound throughout City-County

Senior Center Process- Happiness Senior Center



Community Outreach: Door-to-Door

Segundo Barrio Neighborhood Outreach

- ❖ Identify elderly, determine vaccine status, register
- ❖ Identify homebound
- ❖ Identify transportation needs

Activities:

- ❖ 6 teams of 2
- ❖ Door-to-door outreach
- ❖ Register ≥ 65 , chronically ill

Community Outreach

Outcomes:

Target- Segundo Barrio 2084 households

As of 2/25/21:

- ❖ 1,422 households visited
- ❖ UMC/Housing Authority partnership -700 targeted & reached
- ❖ 2,122 total jointly reached
- ❖ 154 registered; UMC vaccinated

Community Outreach



Downtown Walk-in Center

220 S. Stanton St.: walk-in clinic - registration & information

❖ Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Full-service center:

- ❖ Registration
- ❖ COVID information
- ❖ Appointment assistance
- ❖ Promotional materials

Outcomes

❖ 852 registered as of 2/25/21

Downtown Walk-in Center



Long Term Care Facilities Update

Administrating Source	SNF	ALF	Foster & Host Home	Hospice	Independent Living	Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability	First Dose Total (as of 2/25/21)	Second Dose Total (as of 2/25/21)
DPH	0	21	0	0	0	0	596	571
DSHS	2	5	0	0	0	0	205	36
Fire	0	0	58	0	0	0	343	233
Pharmacy	19	15	0	1	2	0	1613	1012
City of El Paso through GP	0	0	4	7 (partially)	0	0	386	102
Pending	0	3	25	12	2	14	N/A	N/A
Total	21	44	87	20	4	14	3143	1954

Next Steps:

- ❖ Enrollment for homebound
- ❖ Complete senior center outreach & vaccinate
- ❖ Chamizal neighborhood door-to-door



3. Economic Recovery

Jessica Herrera



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Business Grant Summary

**1010 Unique Survey
Responses Collected**

- ElPasoBusinessStrong.org served as the primary location for business to access financial assistance.
 - A total of 1,549 grants were disbursed, resulting in over \$21.9 million in financial support.

Business Grant Disbursement by Local Partner



211 Grants



553 Grants



408 Grants



47 Grants

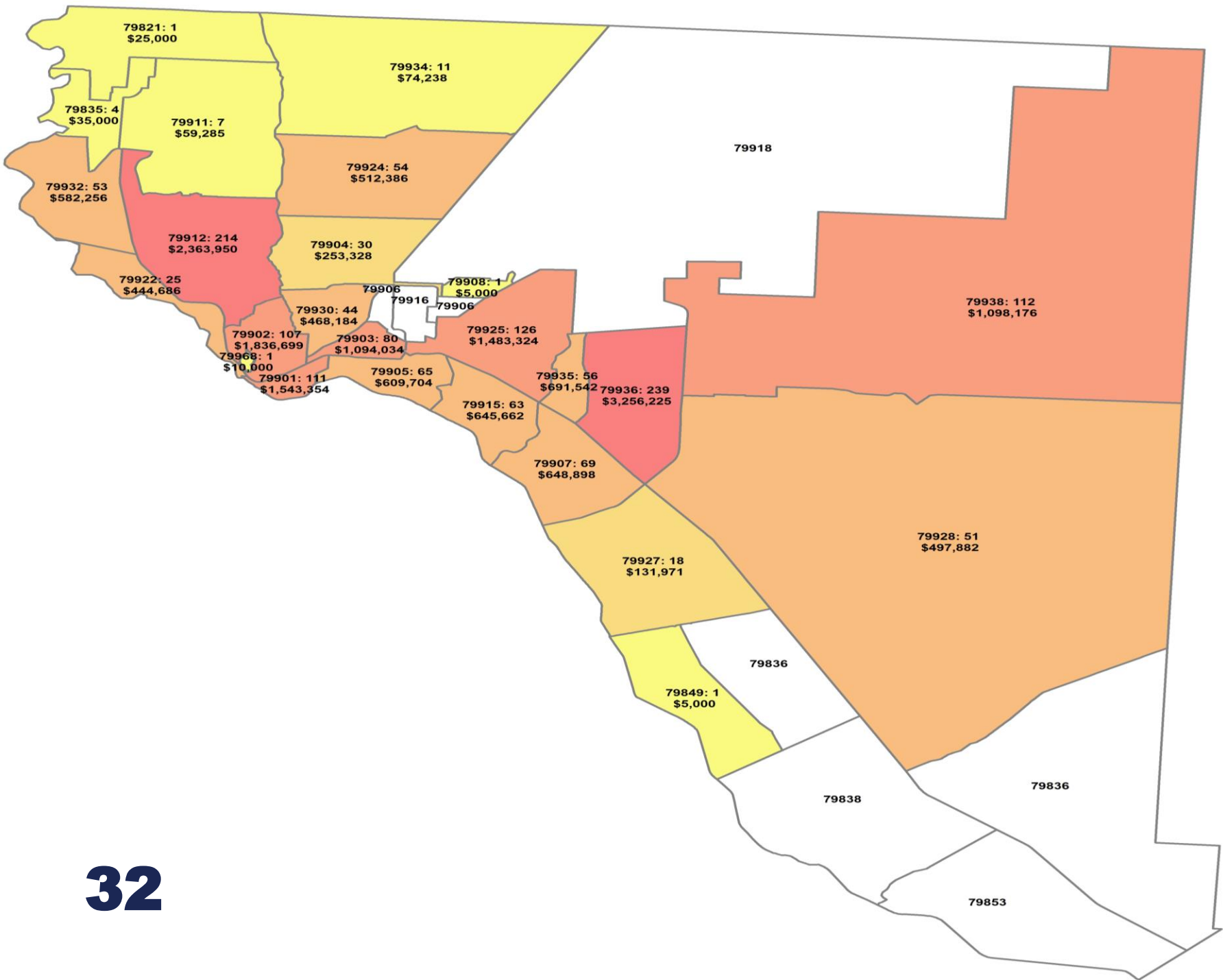


278 Grants

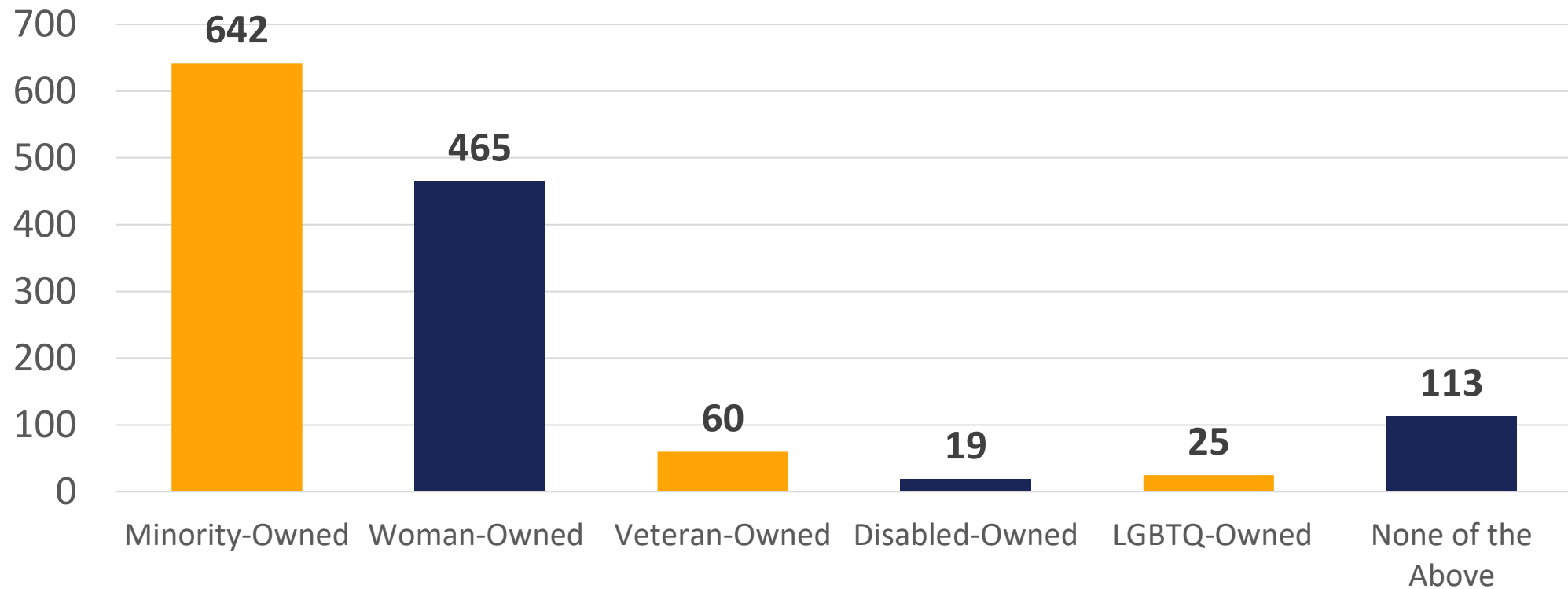
CARES Act Cash Grants by Zip Code

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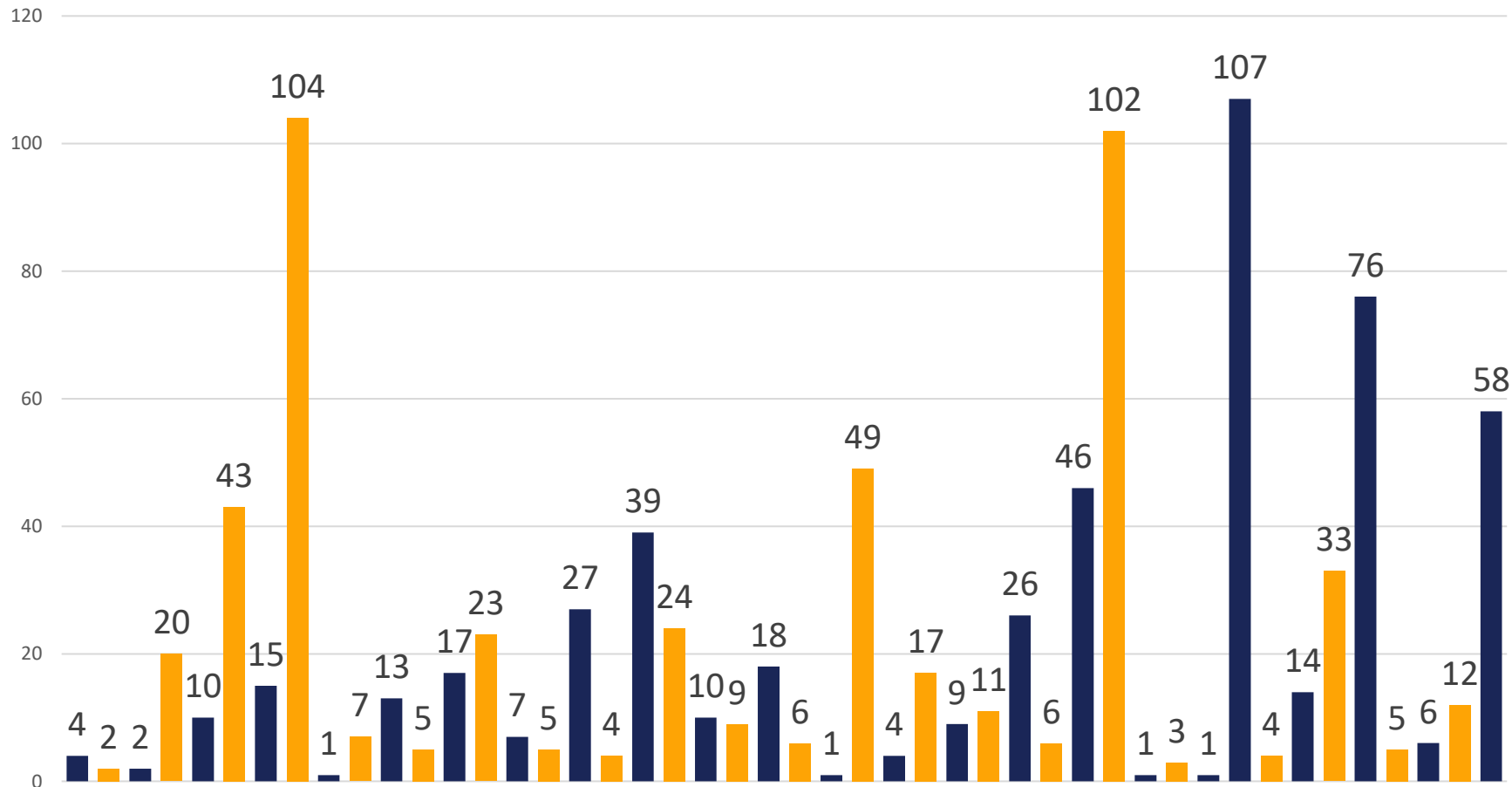
Sum Of Amount



Business Grant Recipient Identities



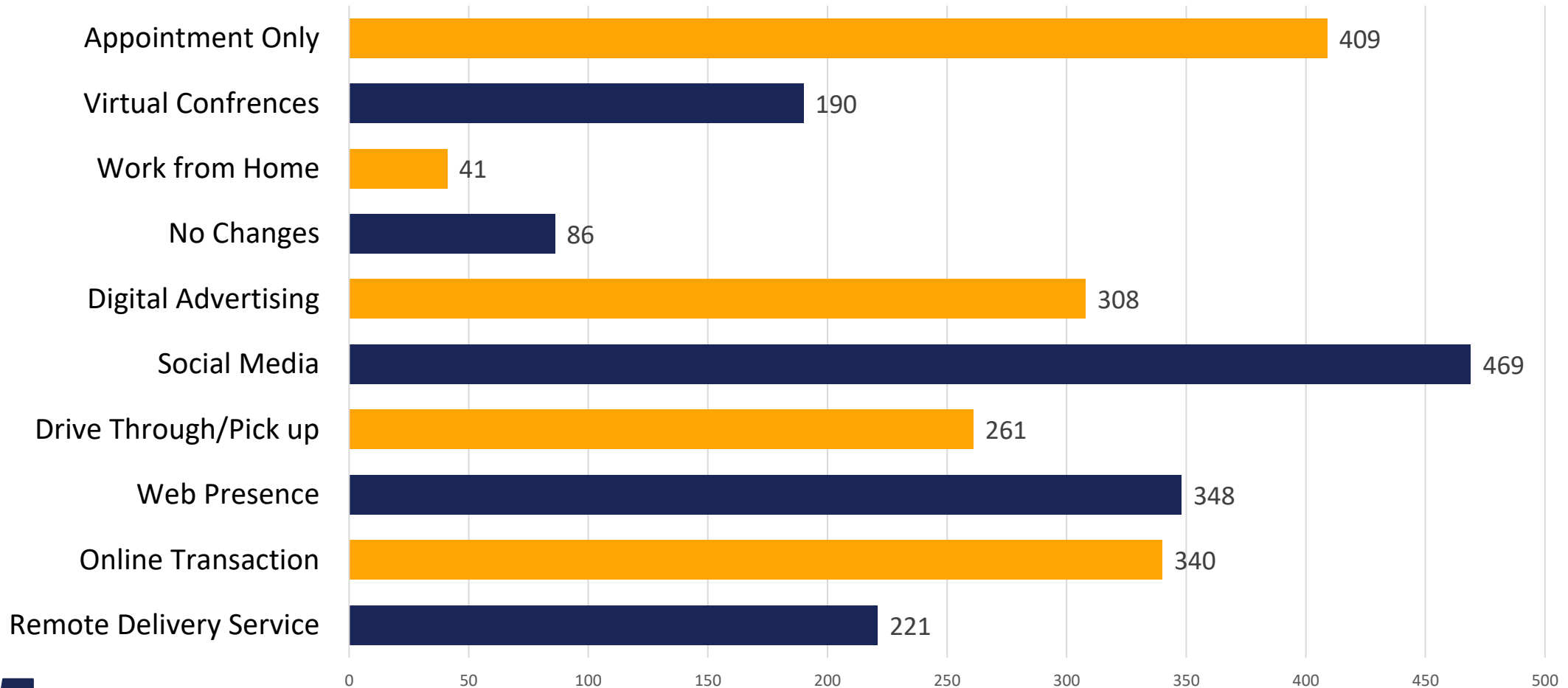
Business Grant Recipient Industries



Top 5 industries to receive grants:

- Beauty Salons
- Professional Services
- Restaurants
- Retail
- Transportation

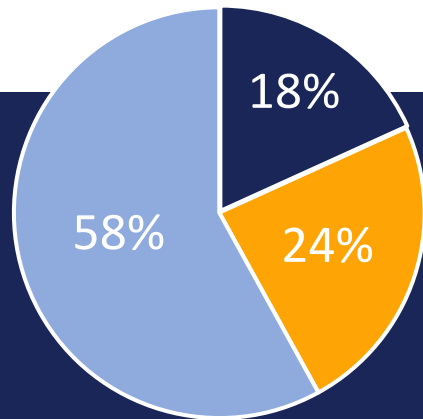
How are you adapting your business to COVID-19?



El Paso Business Metrics

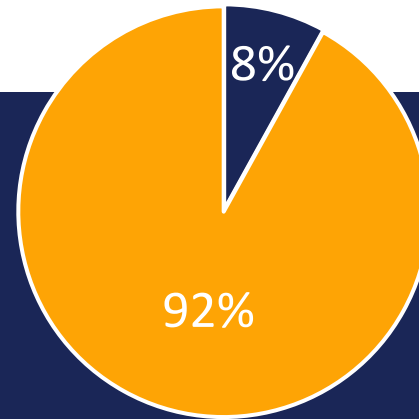
- Businesses throughout El Paso are negatively being impacted by COVID-19, resulting in business losses and employee layoffs.
- Some businesses are managing to stay profitable during the pandemic.

■ Yes ■ Do Not Know ■ No



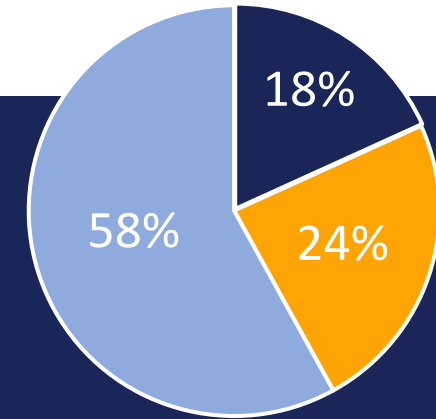
Is your business currently profitable?

■ Yes ■ No



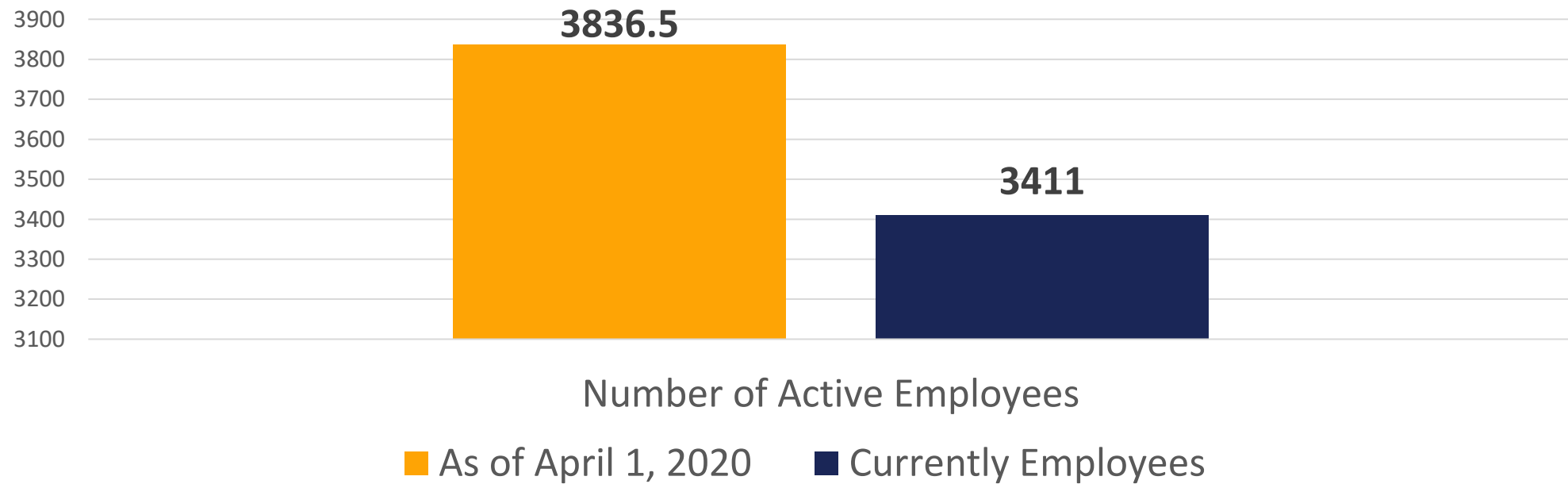
Has your business permanently shutdown?

■ Yes ■ Sole Proprietor ■ No

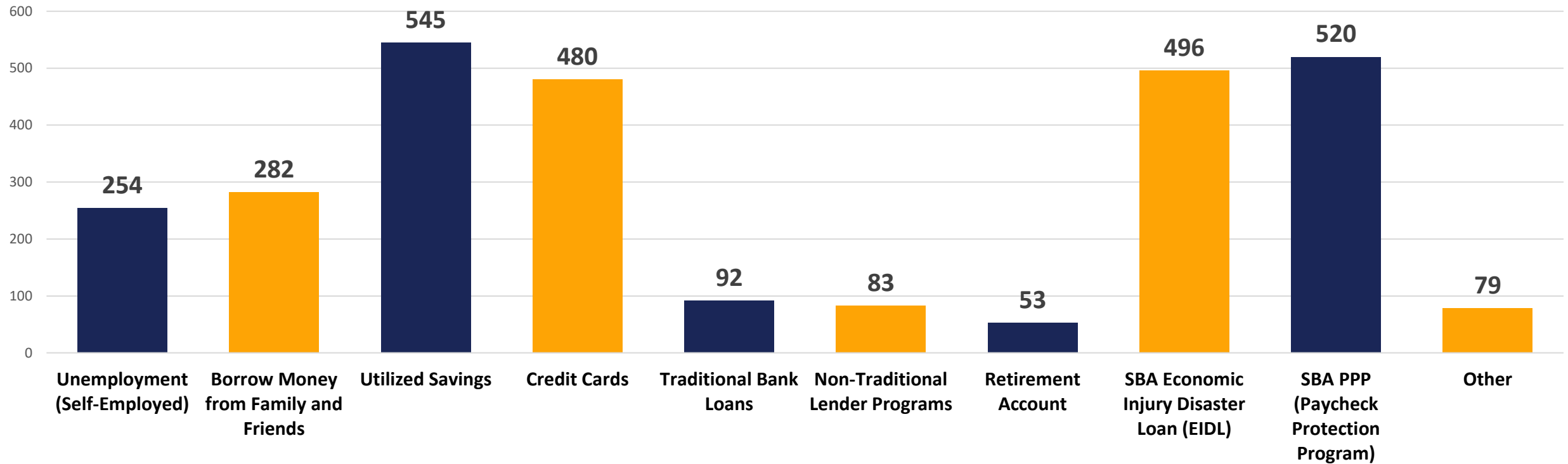


Has your business had to lay off employees?

Number of Employees – August to December



How have you attempted to access capital for your business?



Short-term and Long-term Capital Needs

Sum	\$46,423,342
Average	\$57,740
Median	\$25,000
Max	\$2,400,000

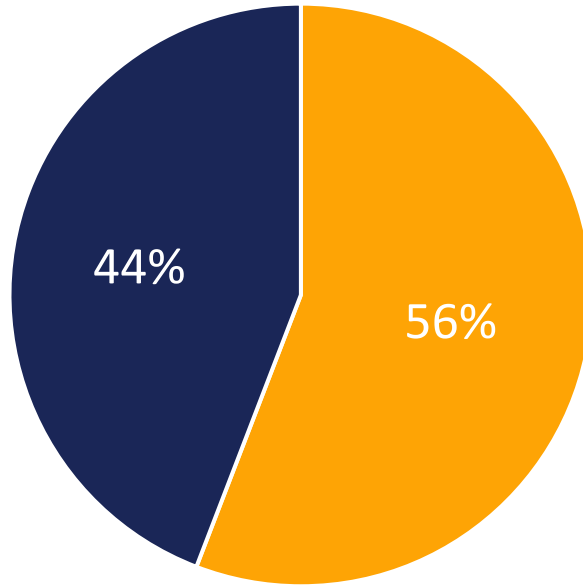
Next 6 Months (Short-term)

Sum	\$115,398,038
Average	\$114,598
Median	\$36,000
Max	\$6,000,000

Next 12-18 Months (Long-term)

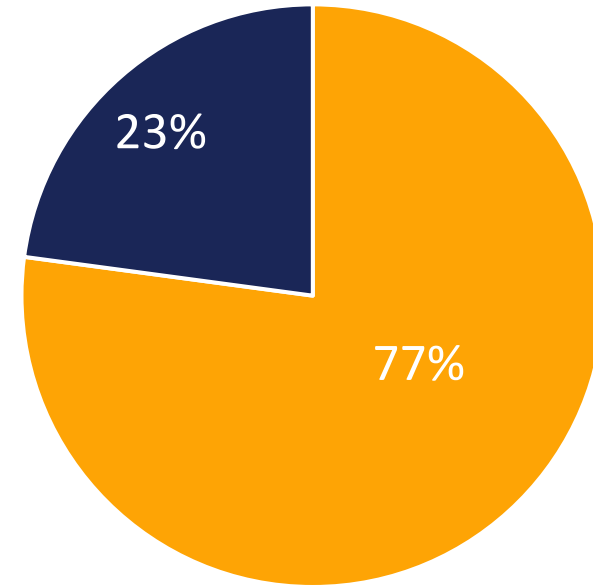
Post-Pandemic Capital Needs

Yes No



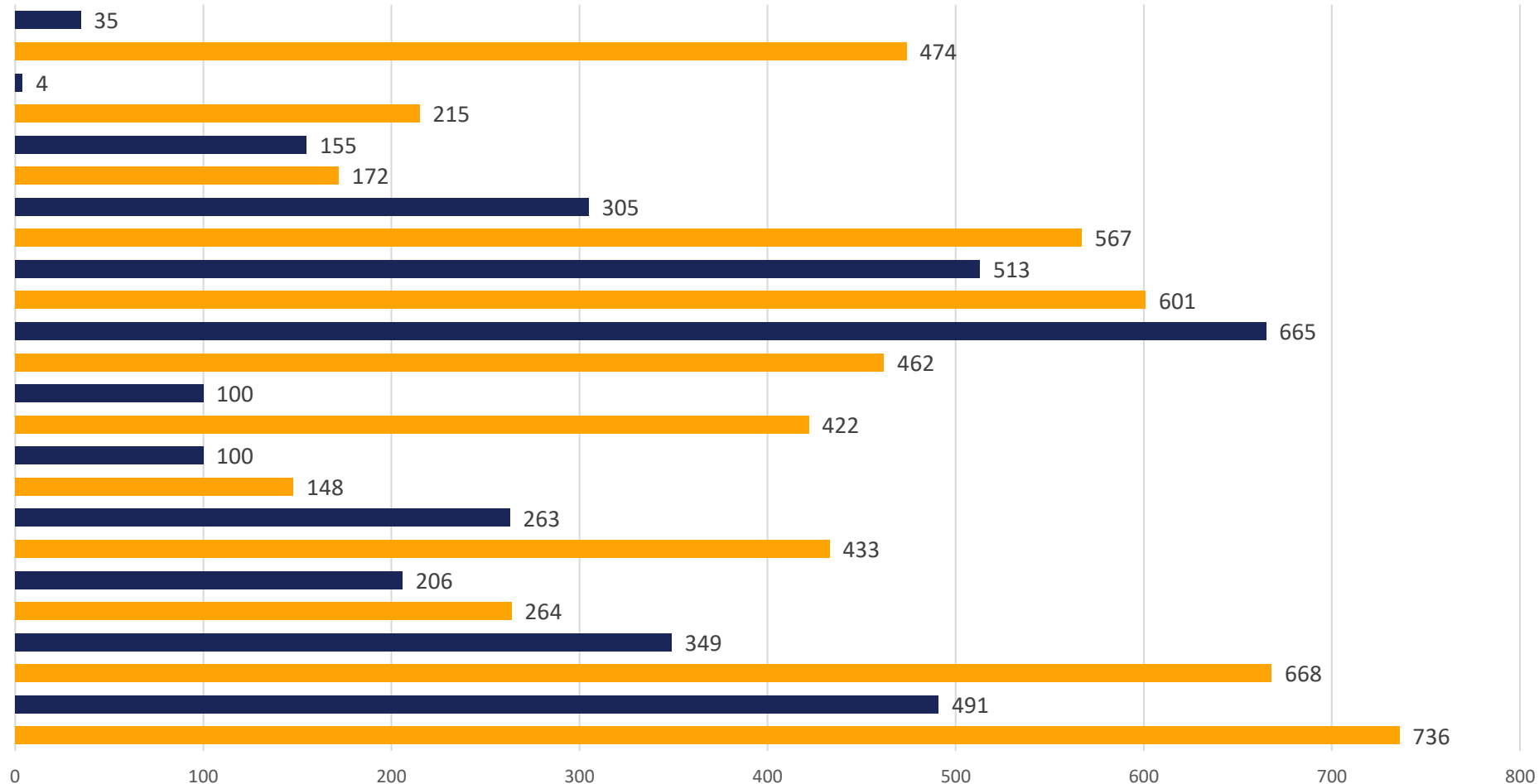
Do you have new capital expenses that you will need to incur in order to operate post-pandemic?

Yes No



Does your business currently have a banking relationship with a bank or credit union?

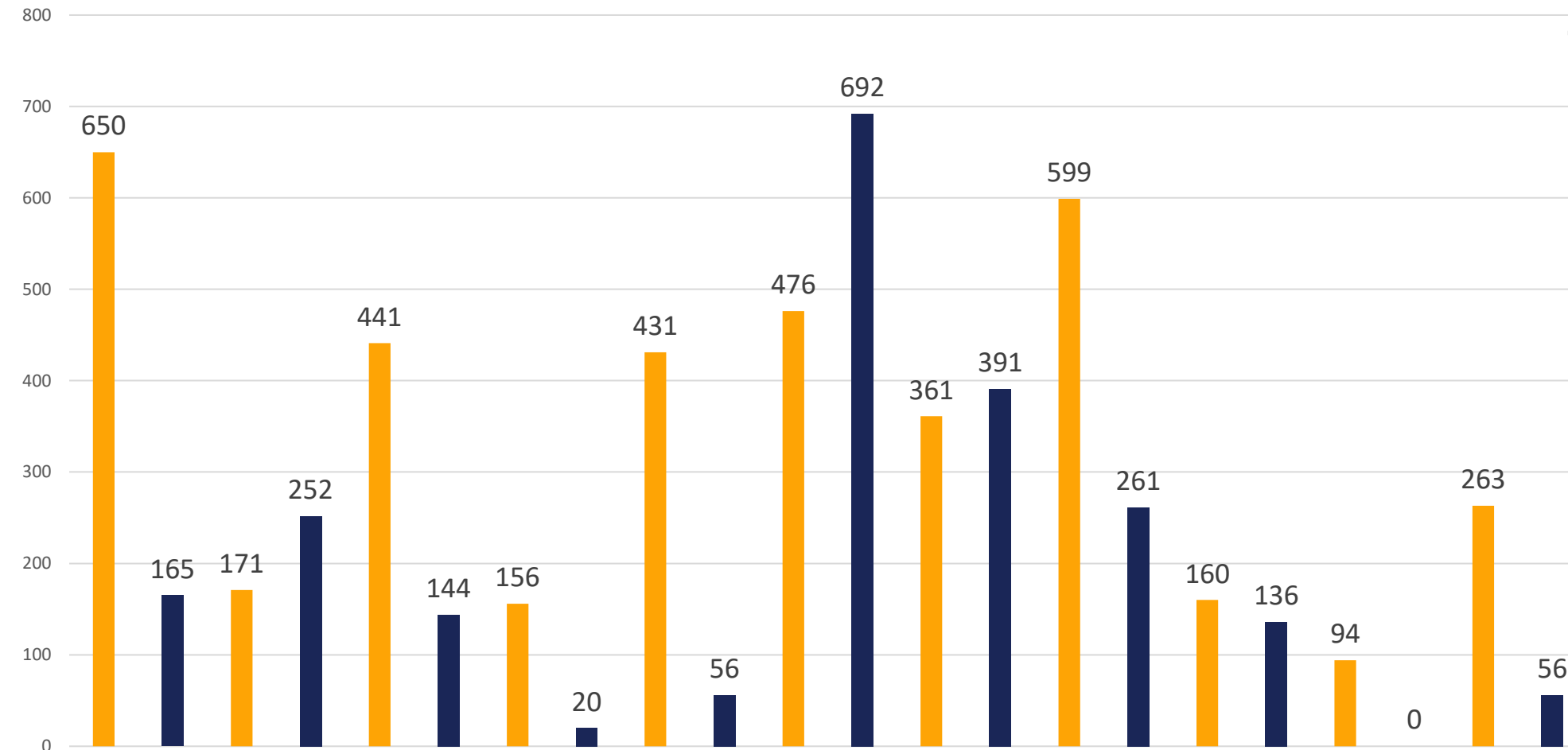
Most pressing concerns for businesses



Top 5 concerns:

- Economic Uncertainty
- Rent/Lease/Mortgage
- More Money/Access to Capital
- Revenue/Cash Flow
- Taxes

How do you intend to use the grant for?

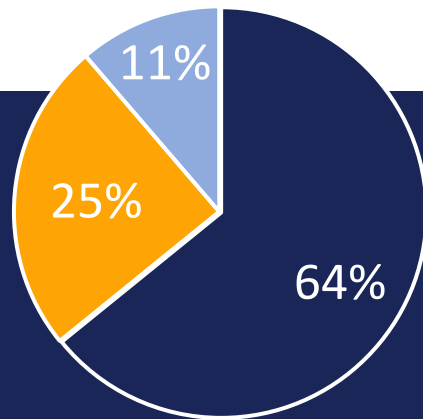


Top 5 reasons:

- Capital to keep my business open
- Rent/lease/mortgage.
- Utility expenses
- Payroll Expenses
- PPE for employees

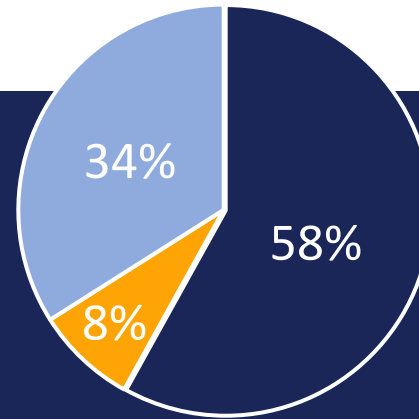
Preparing for Future Closures and Post-COVID

■ Yes ■ Do Not Know ■ Stay Virtual



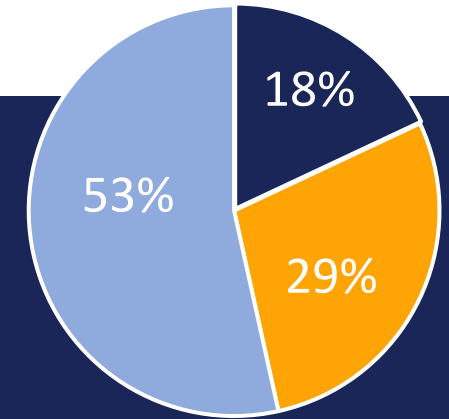
Are you planning to return to a physical location?

■ Yes ■ Do Not Know ■ No



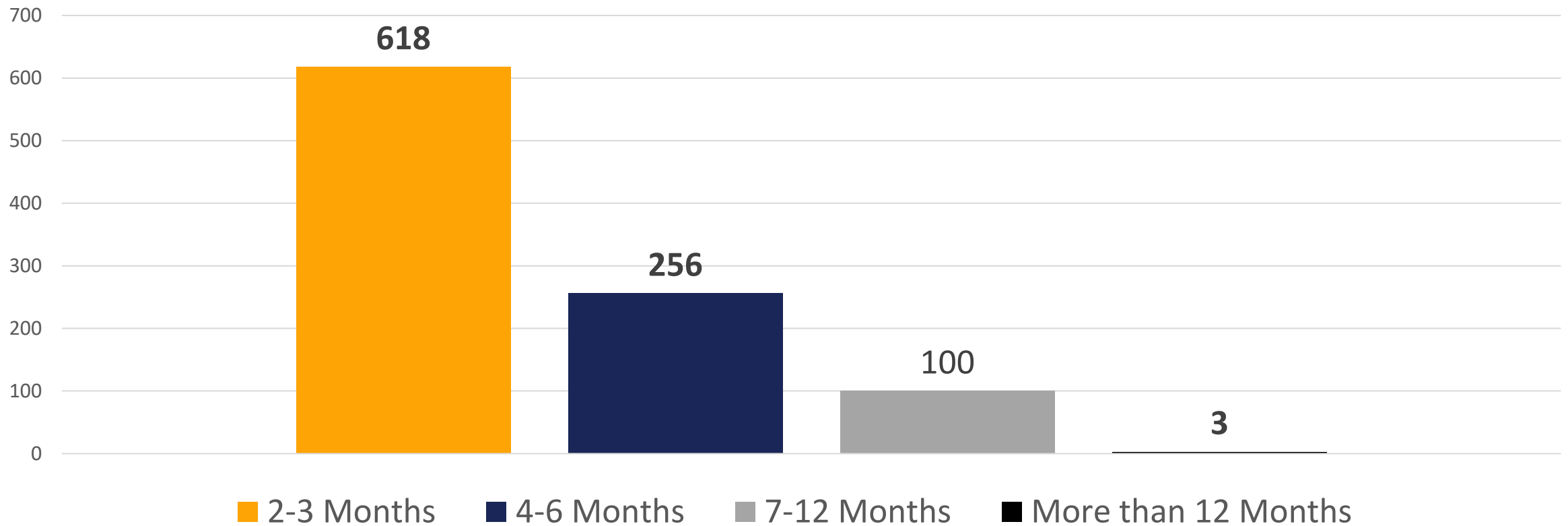
Are you financially prepared for a new round of closures?

■ Yes ■ Unsure ■ No



Is your business in "immediate risk" of closing permanently within 30 days?

How long can your business survive with your current capital?





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Pledge to Safety

**Over 1,000 business
have signed the
pledge.**

- Local businesses can go to **EPBusinessStrong.org** for resources and support.
- BuyEP.org, initiative to promote buying local goods and services.



Thank you!