



Age-Friendly Communities
COLLABORATIVE

Quarterly
Meeting

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AFCC Strategic Planning Survey Results

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AFCC Strategic Planning Survey Overview

SURVEY GOALS:

- Assess regional interests and strategic priorities for 2022-2023
- Identify common challenges and new emerging practices
- Engage with new communities working on these topics

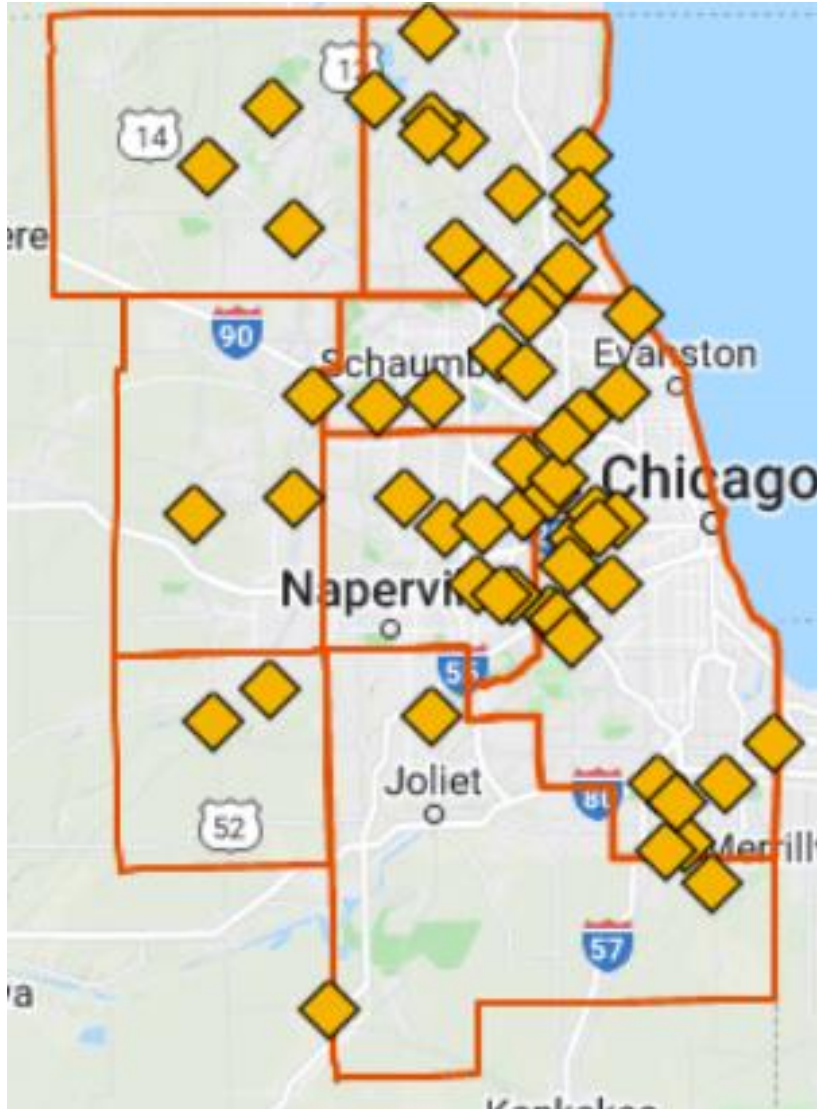
AUDIENCE: Survey sent to the following mailing lists:

- All MMC Mayors & Managers (275 municipalities in Chicago region)
- MMC Age-Friendly Communities Collaborative

RESULTS: Received 65 responses representing 59 communities



Survey Responses By Community



- Representation from all 7 counties in the region with strong representation in Cook, DuPage, and Lake Counties
- Populations from under 1,000 to over 78,000
- Diverse demographic and socio-economic profiles

Communities of all sizes, geographic, socio-economic, and demographic profiles are dealing with an aging population



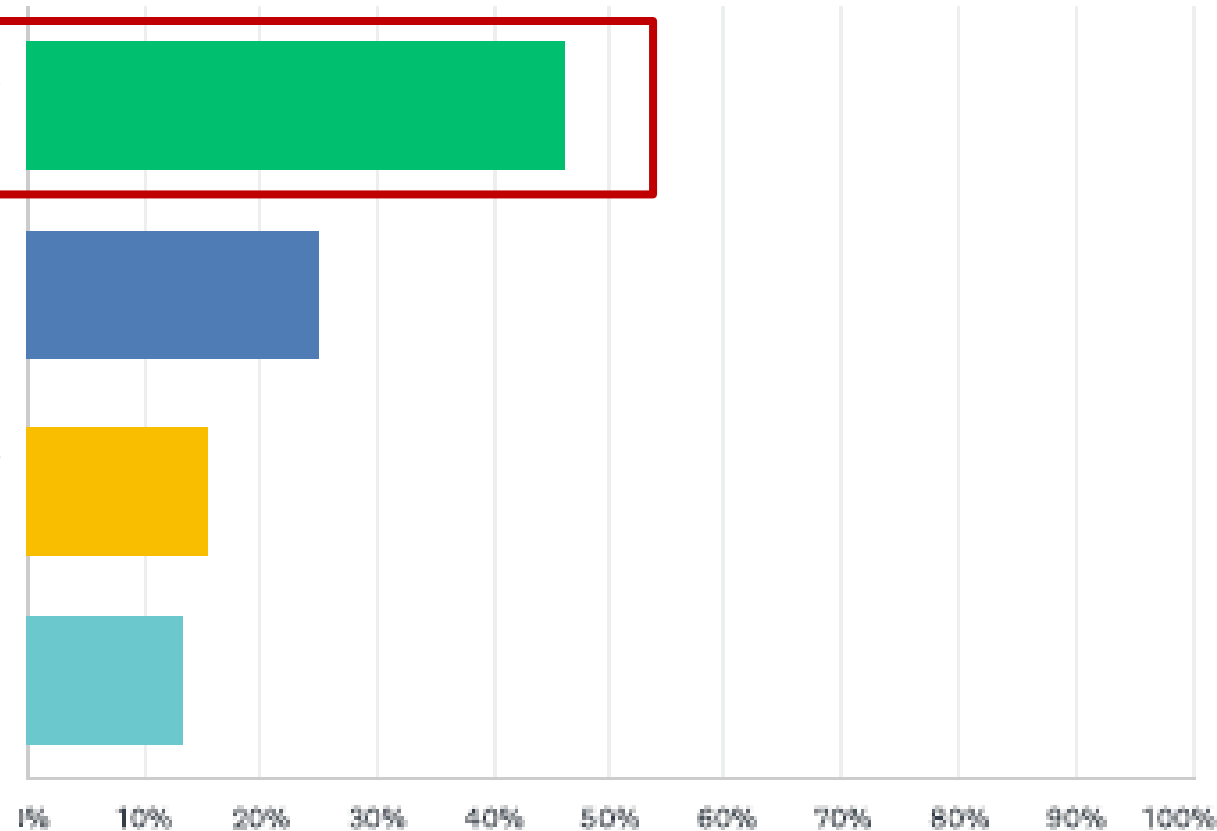
Which best reflects your current engagement with aging-in-community?

INTEREST: We have become interested in aging-in-community

EARLY INVOLVEMENT: We have explored this issue but have not committed to a particular framework or specific initiatives

ADVANCED INVOLVEMENT: We have achieved an age-friendly and/or dementia-friendly designation and identified initiatives

NONE: This issue is not yet a priority within our community



Most communities are very early on in this work

Which departments
work on aging-in-
community issues?

COMMON THEMES
from narrative responses



**Aging-in-Community touches all municipal
departments and community organizations**

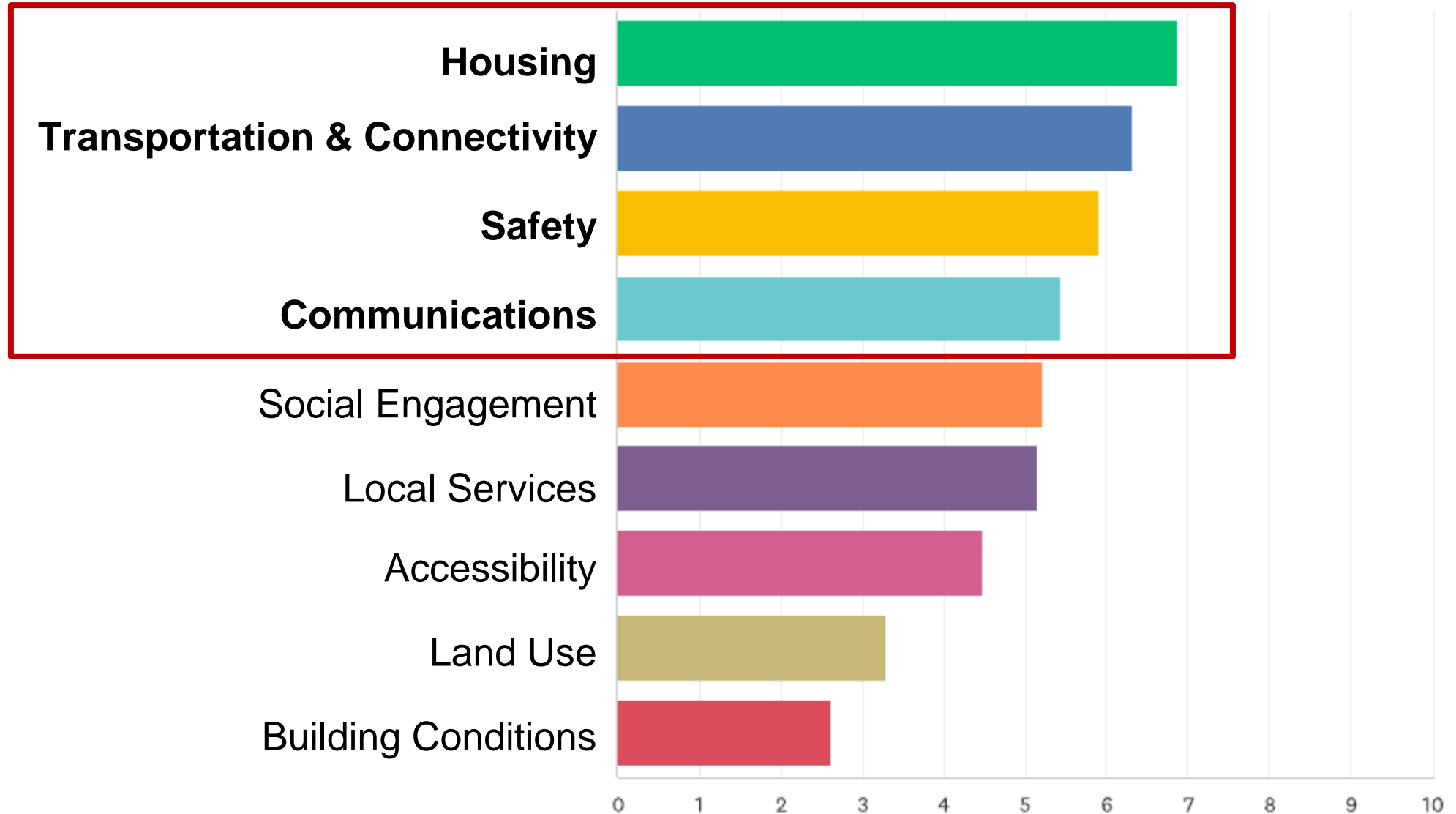


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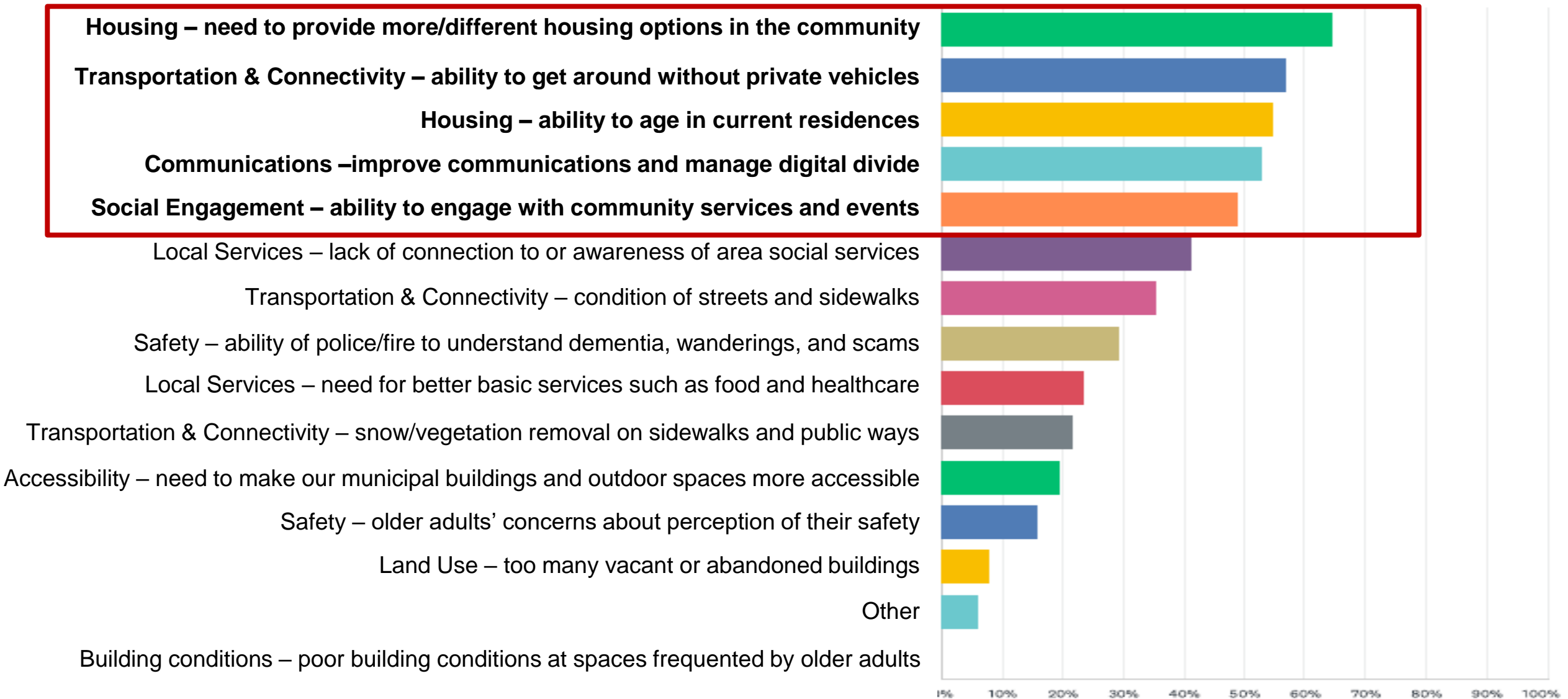


Shared interest in peer learning, resources, and networking with partner agencies

Please rank the following in terms of importance to your community:



What are some of your municipality's greatest challenges?

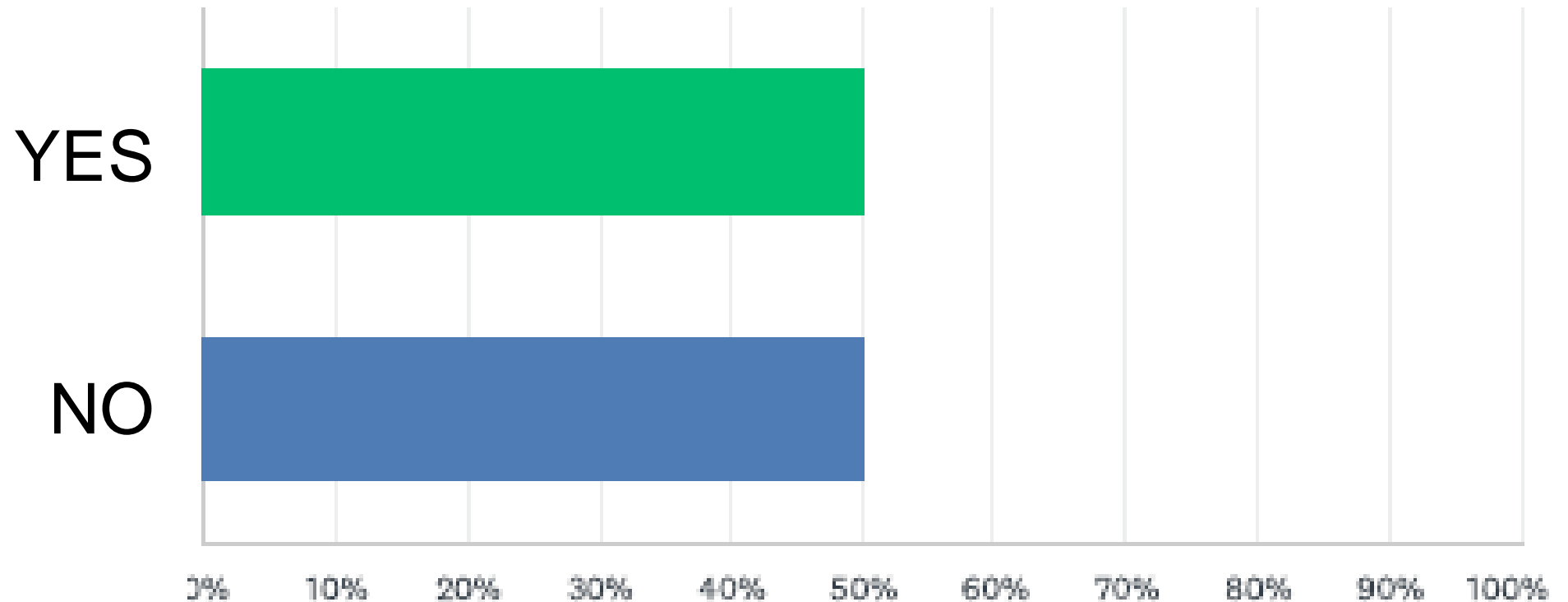


Obstacles to supporting aging-in-community

COMMON THEMES
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Have you identified specific aging-in-community goals?



About half of all respondents have identified specific aging-in-community goals

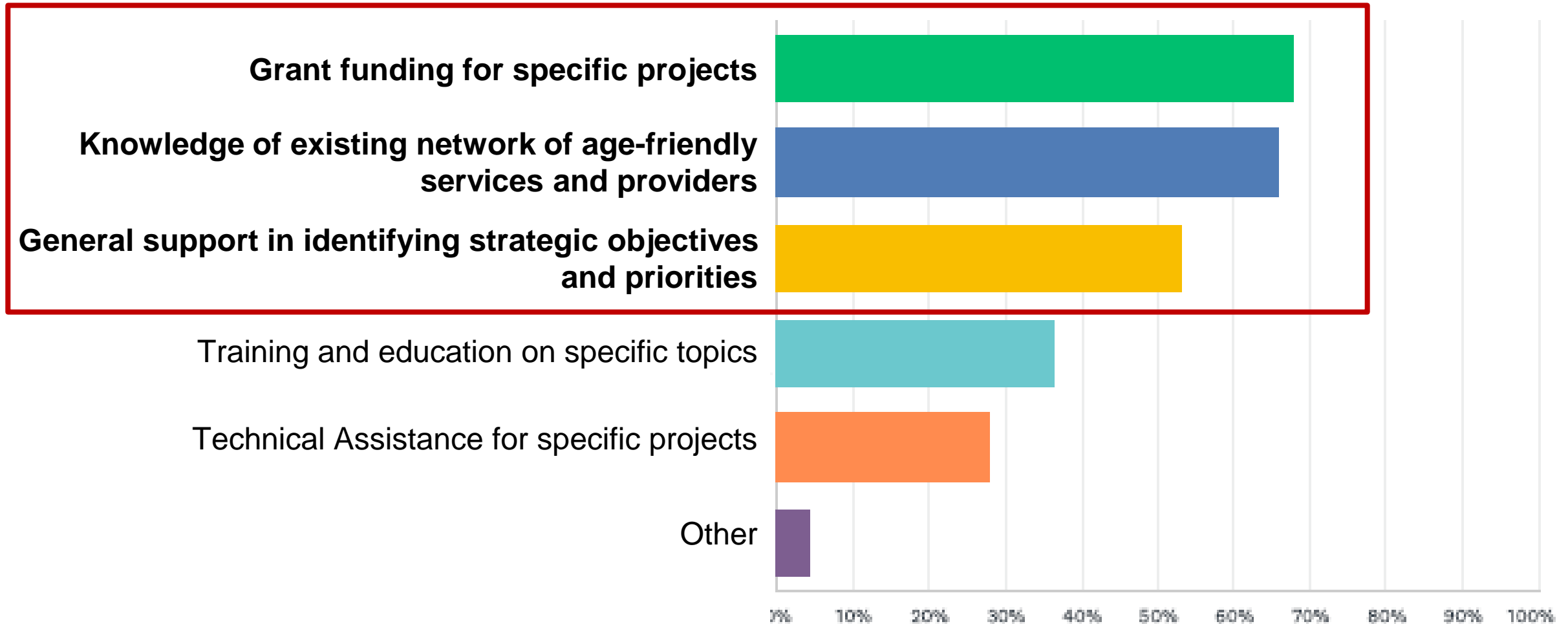
What are your current goals and how are you doing in meeting them?

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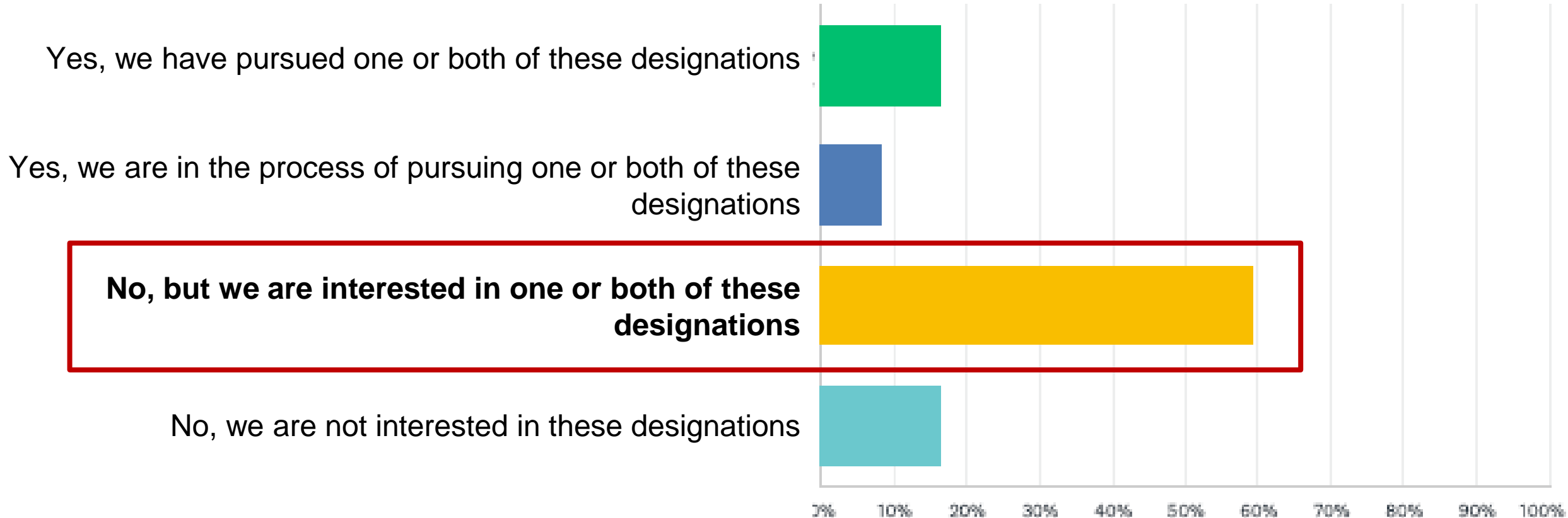
Senior Advisory Board
Transportation
ADA & Accessibility Safety
Engagement
Sidewalks & Connectivity
Local Services
Strategic Plan
Zoning & Development
Communication
Housing
Snow Removal



What assistance are you in need of to meet your goals?



Has your municipality pursued an age-friendly or dementia-friendly designation?



Observations – Local Needs

- Aging-in-Community is a “whole of government” / “whole of community” issue that is impacting the entire region
- Most communities are early in this work and in need of general strategic guidance, education/training around general aging issues, and funding/assistance for specific local projects



Observations – Regional Needs

- Networking and collaboration with other municipalities and organizations working in this space
- Awareness of promising practices
- Interjurisdictional collaboration around aging issues that cross community boundaries, such as transportation, infrastructure, access to medical care, and housing

