SHOT Fund Interest Form: Emergency Response Recoverable Grants
Data Brief - February 19, 2025

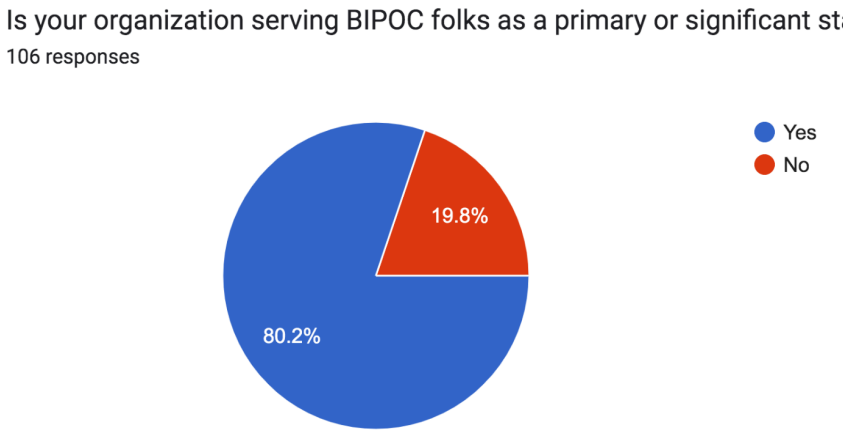
The SHOT Fund (a joint project of the Regenerative Agriculture Foundation and the Rural Climate Partnership) surveyed nonprofits to understand how recent executive orders, federal funding pauses, or delayed federal grant award dispersals are impacting work and finances. The SHOT Fund is developing an emergency fund for financial assistance alongside funding partners and using data to assess need. If you are a funder interested in connecting with the SHOT Fund, please contact Mark Muller at mark@regenerativeagriculturefoundation.org.

Topline: The current total funding gap as stated by organizations who submitted data is $30,828,736. This, however, is just the tip of the iceberg.

Methodology

- Sample Size = 106 respondents (+/- a few duplicates)
- Sample Dates = February 10 - 18, 2025 (6 business days, including 1 Federal Holiday)
- A Google Form link was sent out to grantees and partners from the networks of six funders. The shortlink for the Interest Form received 400+ unique clicks; submission rate 25%.

Quantitative Data



What is the current status of this federal award?

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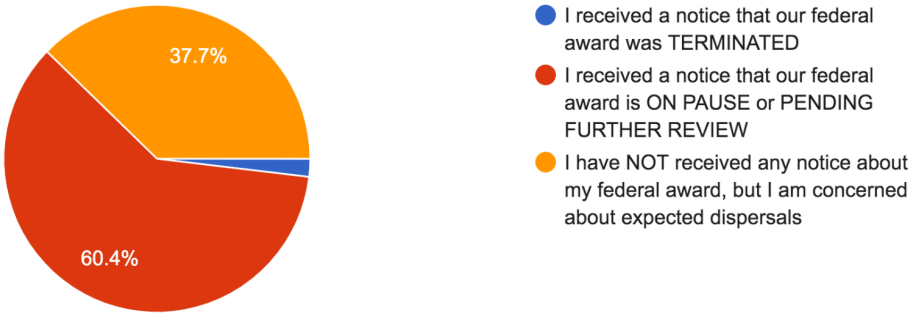

Are you facing a funding gap due to your federal award termination or pause?

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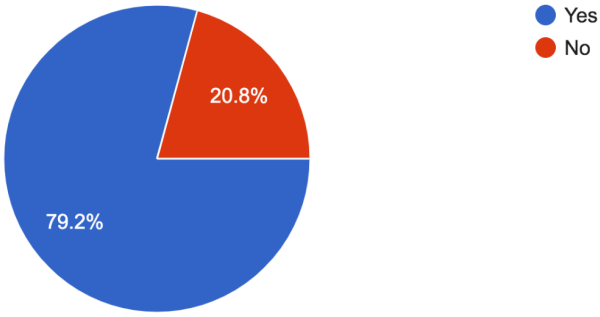

Are you facing an immediate cashflow crisis?

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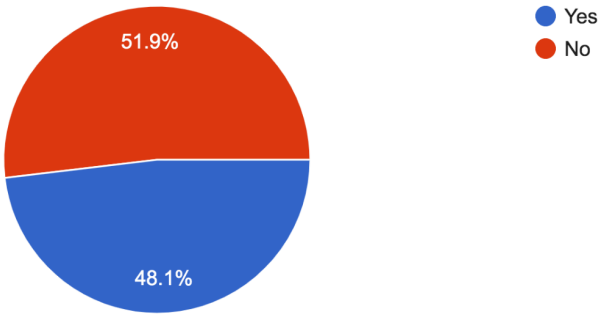

Were you expecting to receive a dispersal of your federal funding award in the last month that you did not receive?

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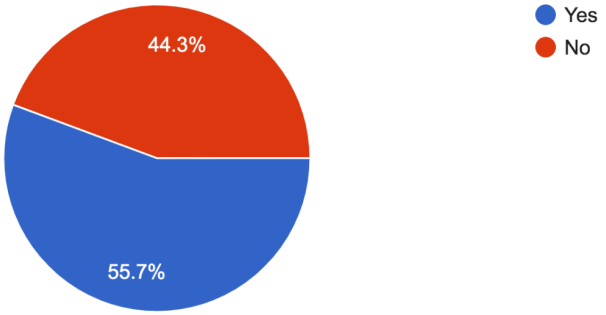

As a result of federal funding shortages or federal funding uncertainty, has your organization already:

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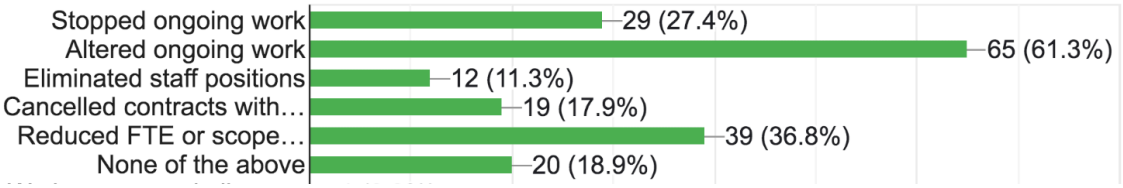

Are you concerned about a future dispersal or invoicing date for a federal grant award that would impact your organization's near-term (between now a..., or award compliance if it is delayed or paused?

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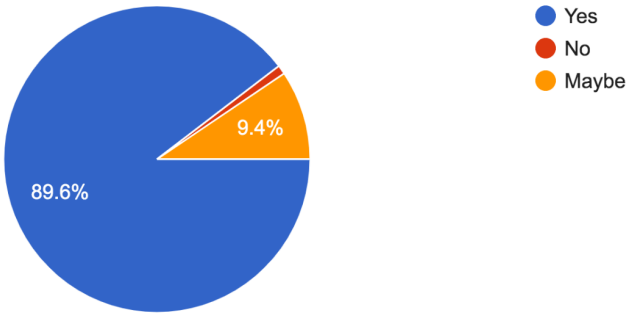

As a result of federal funding shortages or federal funding uncertainty, will your organization in the next 30-60 days:

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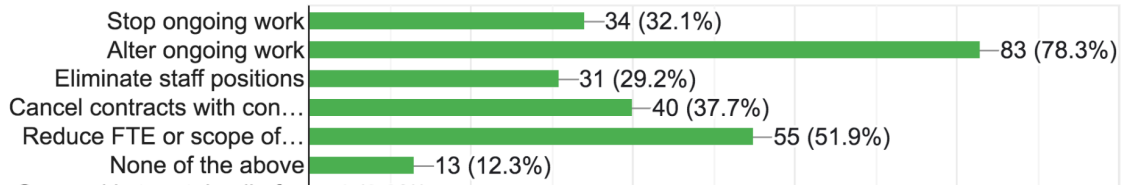

Are you an existing grantee of one of these funders?

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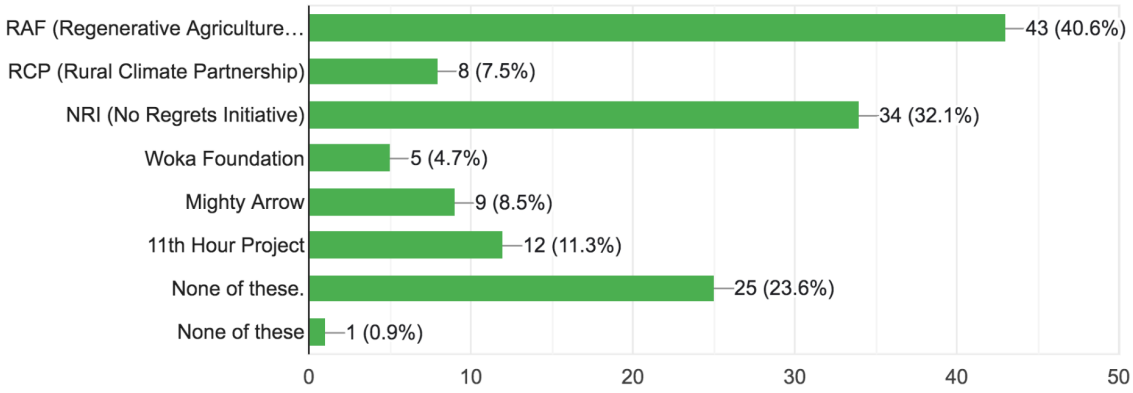

Qualitative Data

- “The **impact is both financial but even more mental**, I don't know what I want to do, as I don't know if what I do will make me a target, if i'm not targeted already. I don't mind having a voice, but there are those who depend on what we do with resources in supporting our farmers than dependent on me being a disruptive or controversial voice.”
- “Sincere thanks for your work in stepping up to help in this incredibly tumultuous and uncertain time. It is very much appreciated. Please note that **the answers above may not reflect the full project and budget** of other partner organizations, who are significantly impacted by this situation.”
- “This is going to be **the most devastating blow to our organization**.”
- “Thank you so much for reaching out to seek this information! Your interest in knowing how we are doing feels supportive!”

- "If we can help any other groups going through this, we're here to share what we've learned so far...We're hopeful that **by banding together we can find a way through this**."
- "I know other orgs don't have the couple of months cushion we currently have. What ridiculous and sad times we live in."
- "Our team of organizers has quickly switched to distributing immigration “red cards” containing vital information on their rights"
- “We would love if the Foundation considered **general operating support funds** during this unprecedented time of freezing and abrupt measures that in any way prohibit federal funding from being withdrawn. **Bridge funding** would assist with continued programming without gaps or pauses in service delivery so that farmers would remain as unaffected as possible during the chaos.”
- “Additionally, we have been informed that this project is at high risk of being cut, as 80% of the awardees are BIPOC-led organizations supporting BIPOC farmers.”
- "My bigger worry is that our organization and all the work that went in over the past 5 years will all be for naught"
- "**The future of this work is at risk**, and we are actively seeking support to ensure our staff retain their positions and are able to continue to be important resources within their agricultural communities around the state."
- **"We are completing this survey with full transparency, which feels very vulnerable, and appreciate the review committee’s commitment to a spirit of togetherness and discretion."**
- "We have heard from our USDA FS contact that their systems are frozen, and **he and his boss were recently fired**, and have reason to believe our grant was flagged for cancellation."
- "Thank you for asking these questions and aggregating the impacts. **It is easy to feel alone** -and knowing that other people are thinking about the challenges and hardships with an opportunity mindset gives me hope."
- "This is a horrible time."
- "Thank you for caring, and for reaching out. Even if there's nothing you can do, it means a lot to have other funding partners survey the situation... **for posterity at a minimum.**"