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#### State of the Nonprofit Arts Sector

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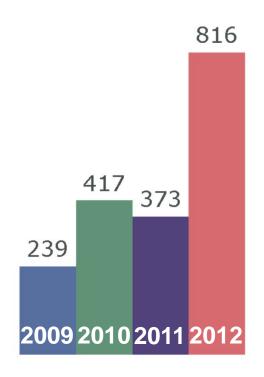
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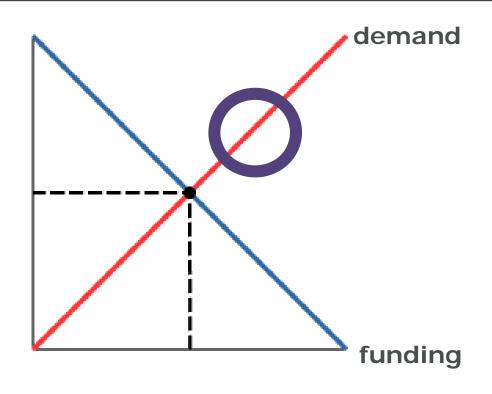
# 4,607 Total Respondents: Growing Up & Down, Open Data to Help Guide Action, & Conducted Every Year Since 2008







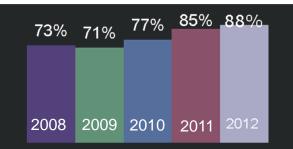
#### Out of the 4,607 Total Respondents, 816 Arts Leaders Tell Us That the **Financial Crisis is Not Over**



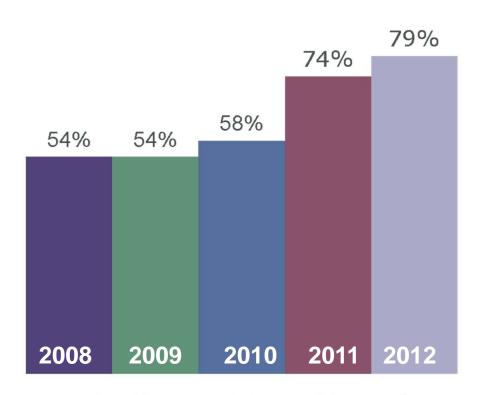
"...While our organization is holding on,... funding organizations look at the tax return... and it looks as if we are sinking... Our staff is stretched to the limit, our Board has no experience in running campaigns, and no major funder wants to give to an [NPO] without a solid financial future. It's a horrible cycle and there is no way out..."

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# Demand for Services Jumps, and Arts Organizations Try to Keep Up



increased demand among the 4,607



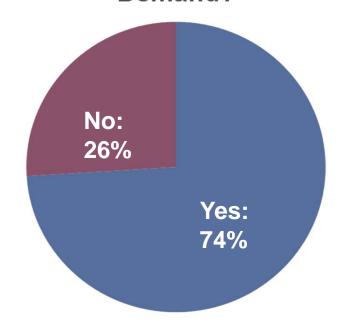
reports of increased demand for services

#### Organizations are Trying to Keep Up with Demand

All 4,607 Organizations Met Demand?

> No: Yes: 48% 52%

#### **816 Arts Organizations Met** Demand?

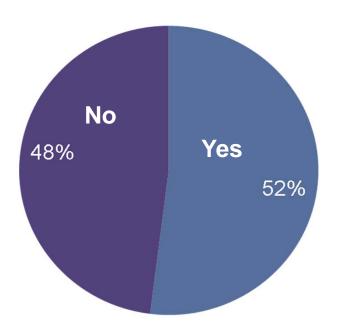


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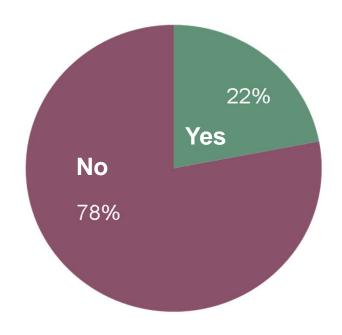


### Government Funding is Essential for the Sector, but Doesn't Always Cover Full Costs

**Hold State/Local Contracts?** 



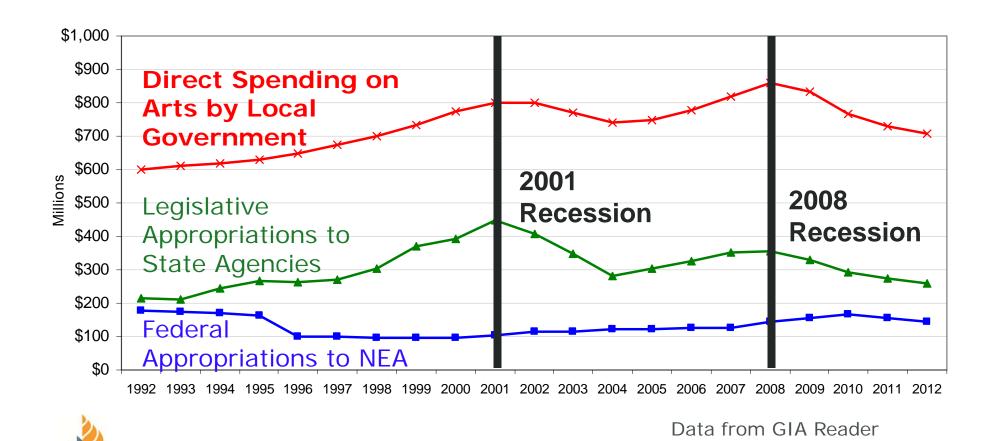
Do funds cover the full cost of services?



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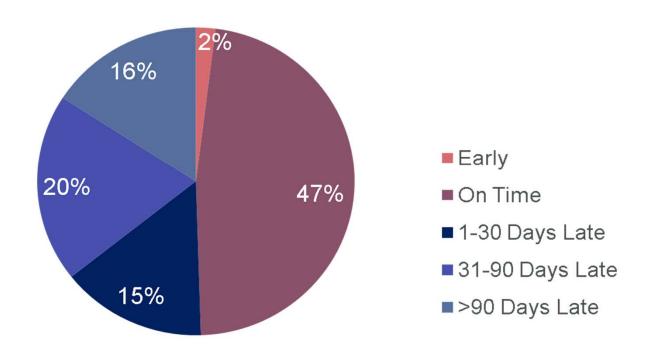
### Government Funding for the Arts Has Been Contracting for a Long Time

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#### **State Funding is Not Always Reliable**

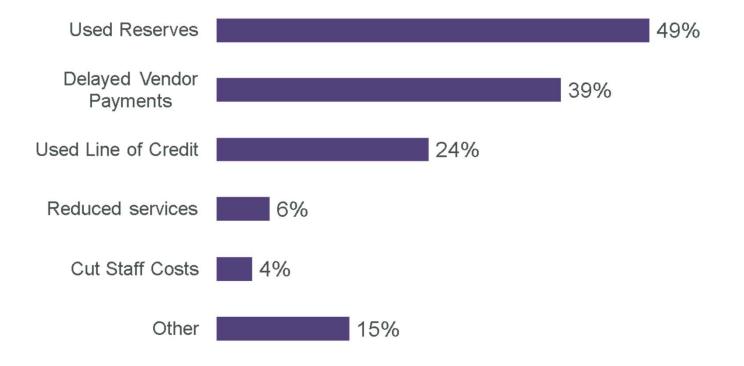
#### When Do you Receive Payment?



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#### **Organizations Had to Make Difficult Decisions To Manage Payment Delays**





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## Most Have Little Cash on Hand. This is Especially Dangerous if Payments Aren't Reliable

#### Facts on months of cash for the 4,607 orgs:

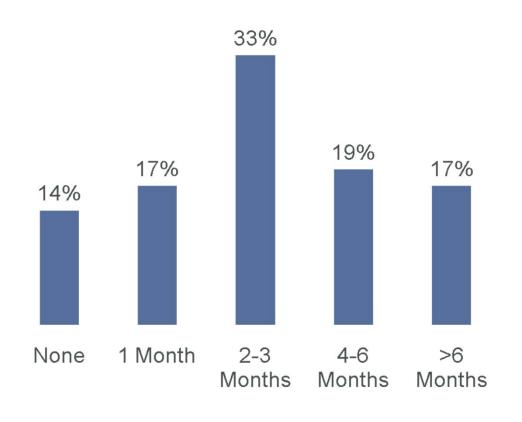
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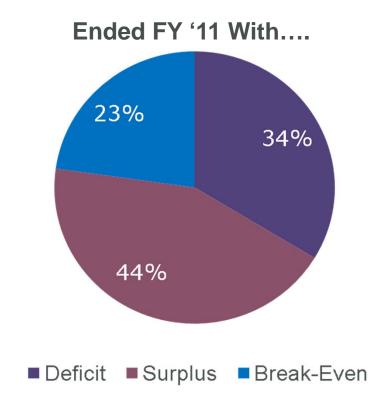
16%: 1 month

32%: 2-3 months

22%: 4-6 months

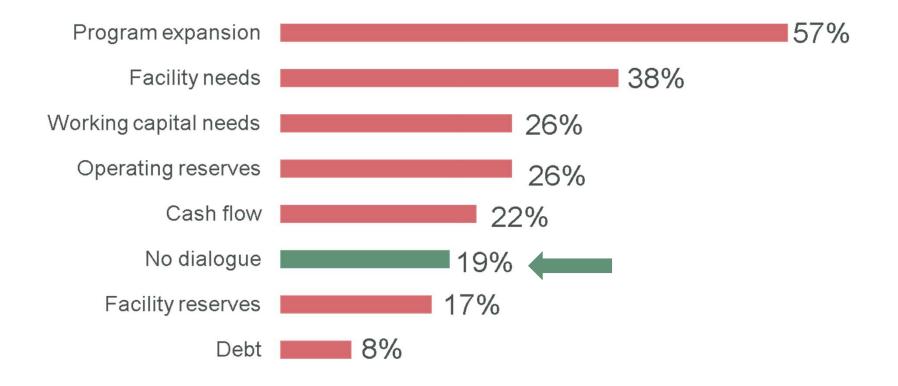
21% >6 months





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### Unfortunately, Organizations Feel Uncomfortable Discussing Their Needs





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#### **Despite Strain, Nonprofits are Working to Increase Programming and Reduce Expenses in a Variety of Ways**

- 54% added/expanded programs
- 21% expanded geographies served
- 50% increased the number of people served
- 52% collaborated with another organization to provide programs
- 35% relied more on volunteers
- 15% collaborated to reduce administrative costs
- 17% reduced staff
- 25% used reserves
- 7% reduced staff benefits





#### On the Ground: What the Survey Can't Measure

- Unique business models drive cash flow concerns
- Organizations believe there are opportunities in building individual donor and earned revenue streams
- Sector seeking efficiencies (restructuring, cost reductions)
- Challenges in fundraising in the context of post-recession needs for emergency and basic services

#### **Cuyahoga Arts & Culture Story**

- Improving fairness in the grantmaking process
- Focusing on transparency and communication
- Scaling vs. sustainability
- Changing application processes
- Providing necessary training to applicants



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#### **Audience Questions**

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