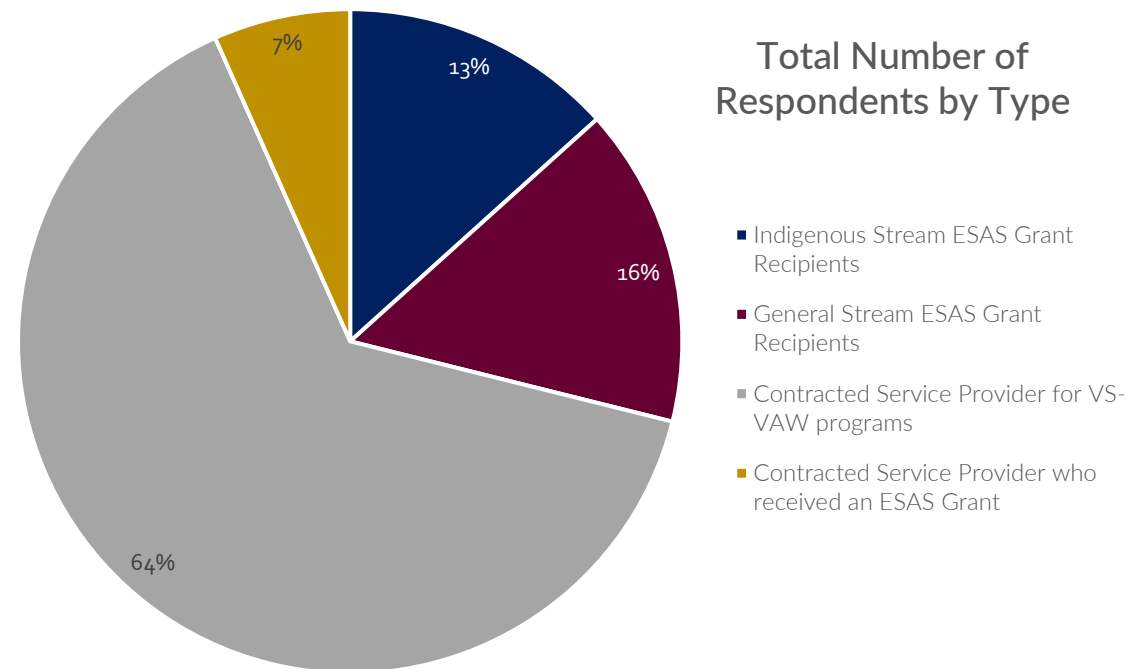


Sexual Assault Services (SAS) Program Engagement Survey Results

Community Safety and Crime Prevention
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- To help guide the development of the design and procurement for the Sexual Assault Services (SAS) Program initial engagement sessions were held in June to gather information and insight.
- Following the initial engagement sessions, a survey was distributed to stakeholders on **June 30th 2022**. The survey posed several questions, asking participants to rank certain factors/issues from not important to very important.
- In total, 46 participants completed the survey.



Engagement Survey Responses



Summary of Responses by Question

Key Elements to Consider When Determining Funding Levels and Program Locations

Q1

- Number of Clients Seen (either through ESAS grant or on-going VS-VAW program) (Very Important, 42.20%)
- Location of Existing VS-VAW Programs (Very Important, 53.30%)
- Location of Wrap-Around Services (CYACs, SAIPs, etc.) (Very Important, 44.40%)
- Population (Somewhat Important, 26.70% and Very Important, 26.70%)
- Crime Data (Somewhat Important, 31.80%)
- Other (Very Important, 69.20%)

Key Elements to Consider When Determining Funding Levels and Program Locations

Q1

- Other Identified Factors:
 - Prevalence of gender-based violence in schools, workplaces, institutions, recreation and sport
 - Remoteness of community
 - Size of Indigenous populations
 - Reported incidents to hospitals for sexual assault for medical and forensic exams
 - Police charge data (e.g. when charges are not brought forward/supported, what can be done differently)

Key Elements of a Sustainable Program

Q2

- Full-time positions (Very Important, 63%)
- Funding for on-call staff coverage (Very Important, 45.70%)
- Adequate funding for other non-staff budget items (Very Important, 52.20%)
- Flexibility in allocating budgets on local needs (Very Important, 67.40%)
- Access to independent legal advice for clients (Quite Important, 34.80%, and Very Important, 32.60%)
- Contract Duration (Very Important, 78.30%)
- Other (Very Important, 53.80%)

Key Elements of a Sustainable Program

Q2

- Other Identified Factors:
 - Increasing contracted service hours for current programs
 - Streamlining reporting process to maximize time with clients
 - Timely access to services such as family law, legal aid, and trauma counselling
 - Sustainable, renewable, and predictable funding for staffing, admin and management, operations, privacy, risk, etc.
 - Accessibility and location of rural and remote services
 - Location of pre-existing services
 - Separate budgets for clinical counsellors
 - Funding for cultural support and cultural interventions

Key Elements of Procurement Design

Q3

- Service providers with prior history and/or experience in delivering sexual assault services should be given preference/priority in the procurement process
- Streamlined procurement process, flexibility and autonomy in allocating funds
- Multi-year funding
- Consideration of urban vs. rural vs. remote communities
- Ability to work with the local community to find a procurement process that is a good fit for the area/region
- Funding options for things like cell phones, security cameras for personal and family safety, housing/hotels, groceries, transportation
- Opportunities for agencies to collaborate, gather and share experiences, learnings, and successes

Key Elements of Evaluation Criteria

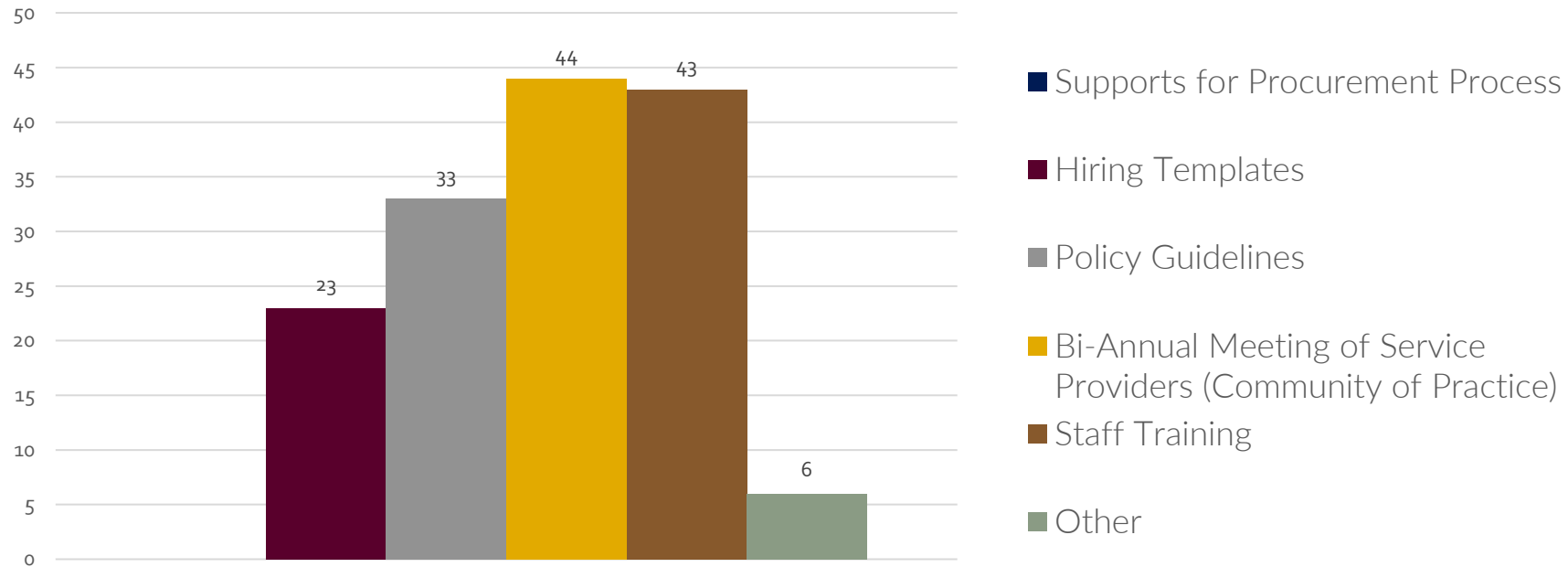
Q4

- Anti-violence sector service delivery experience (Very Important, 68.90%)
- Knowledge of Community (Very Important, 73.90%)
- Indigenous Cultural Knowledge and Competency (Very Important, 58.70%)
- Delivery of Gender Diverse Services (Very Important, 67.40%)
- Demonstration of Partnerships and Referrals within the Anti-Violence and Justice System (Very Important, 65.20%)
- Other (Very Important, 55.60%)

Key Elements of a Sustainable Program

Q4

- Other Identified Factors:
 - Collaboration with a range of service providers, including counselling services
 - Prevention and education to address root causes of gender-based violence
 - Trauma response support knowledge and experience
 - Trauma informed, culturally safe, inclusive environment



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