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Grant-Maker Survey Response to C19 May 2020

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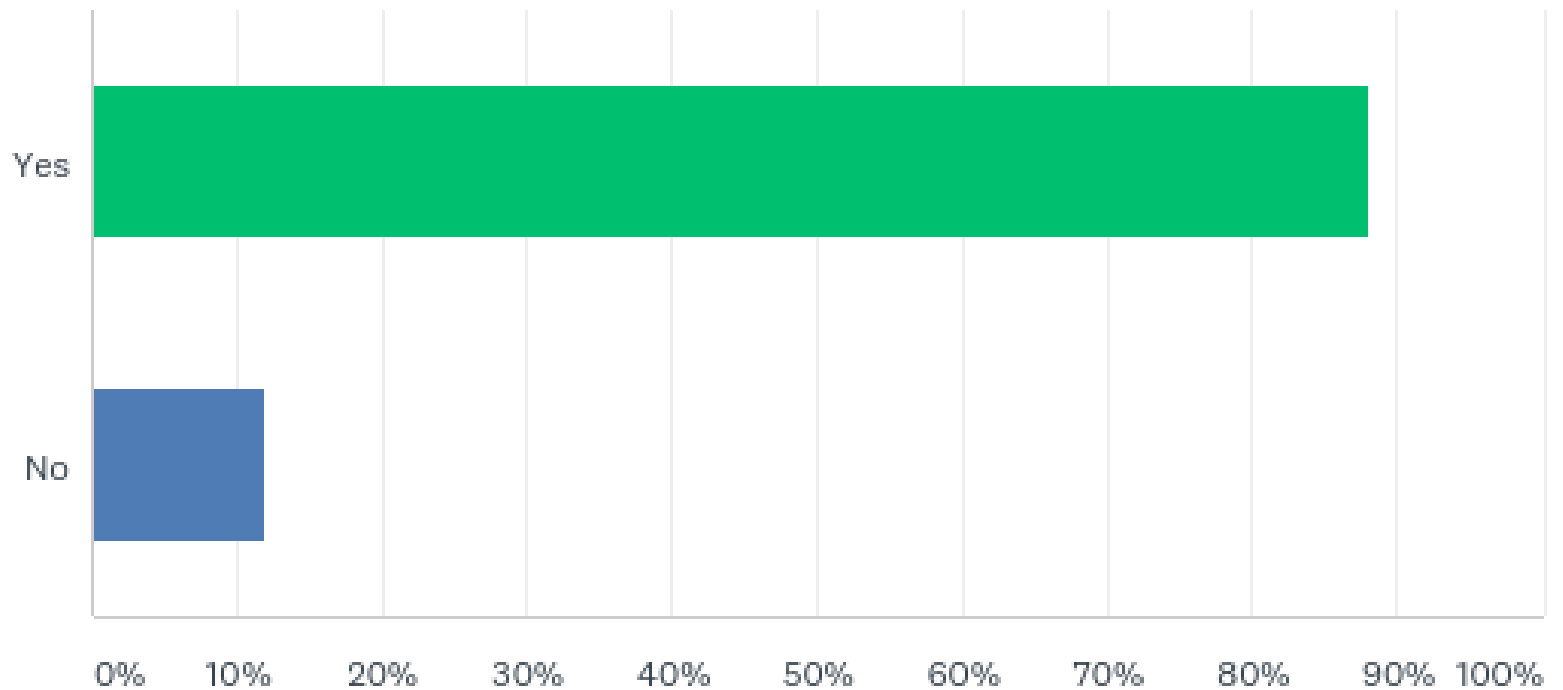
Survey:

- Survey administered to Philanthropy Australia Funder Members at end April 2020. Data analysed as at 25 May.
- Wanted to see how COVID-19 (C19) is impacting grantmaking decisions and thinking
- Anonymous results (except where specific follow-up requested – will be done individually)
- 101 total responses
- Can repeat to review

Related information & resources:

- [Public Statement from Philanthropy](#)
- [National Funding Platform](#)
- [Philanthropy Australia COVID-19 Information](#)

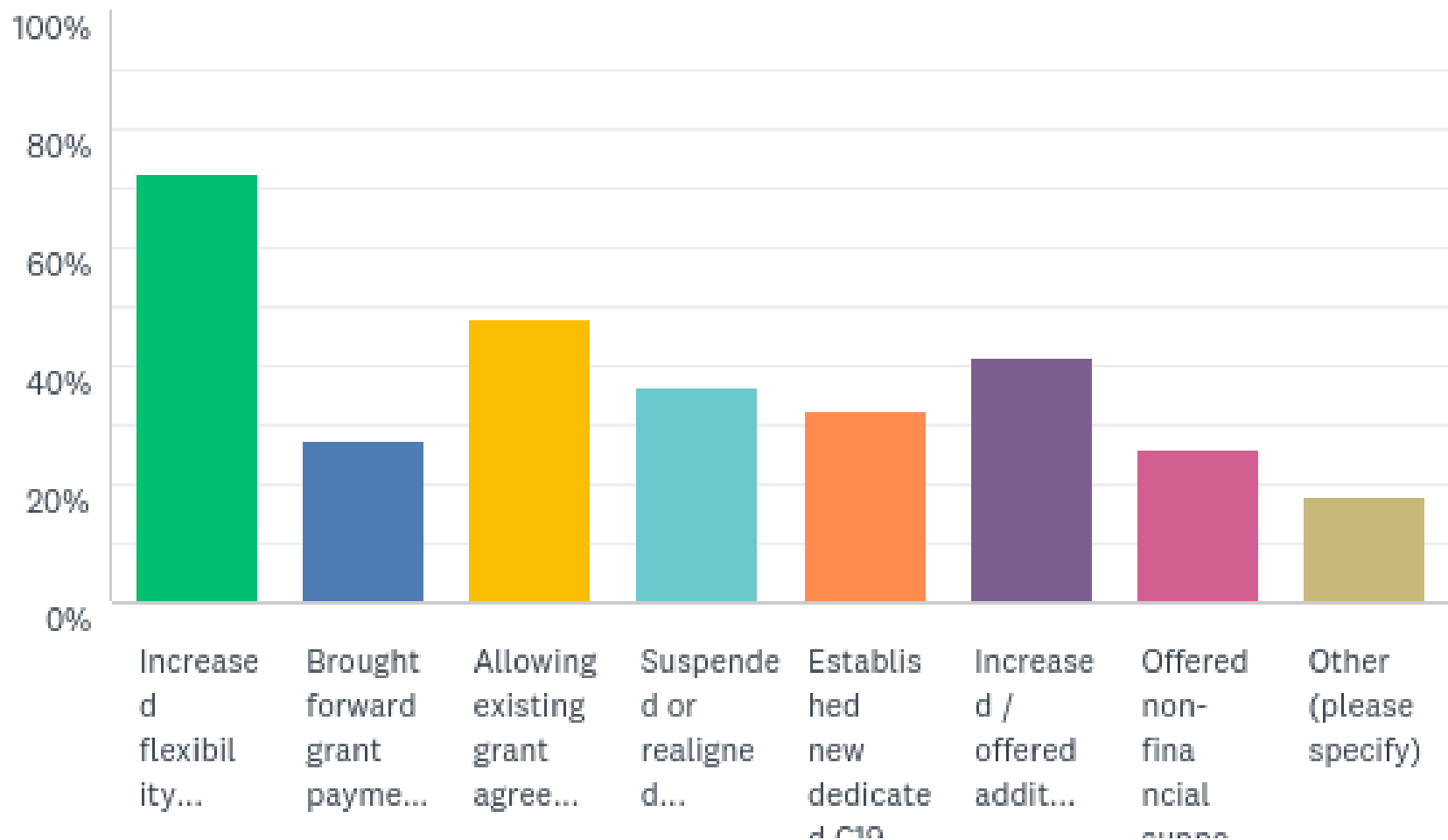
Q1: Have you changed or adapted your granting and operating approach in response to C19?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.12%	89
No	11.88%	12
TOTAL		101

Q3: If you have already changed your approach for your existing grant partners, what have you done (please tick as many as appropriate)?

77 responses

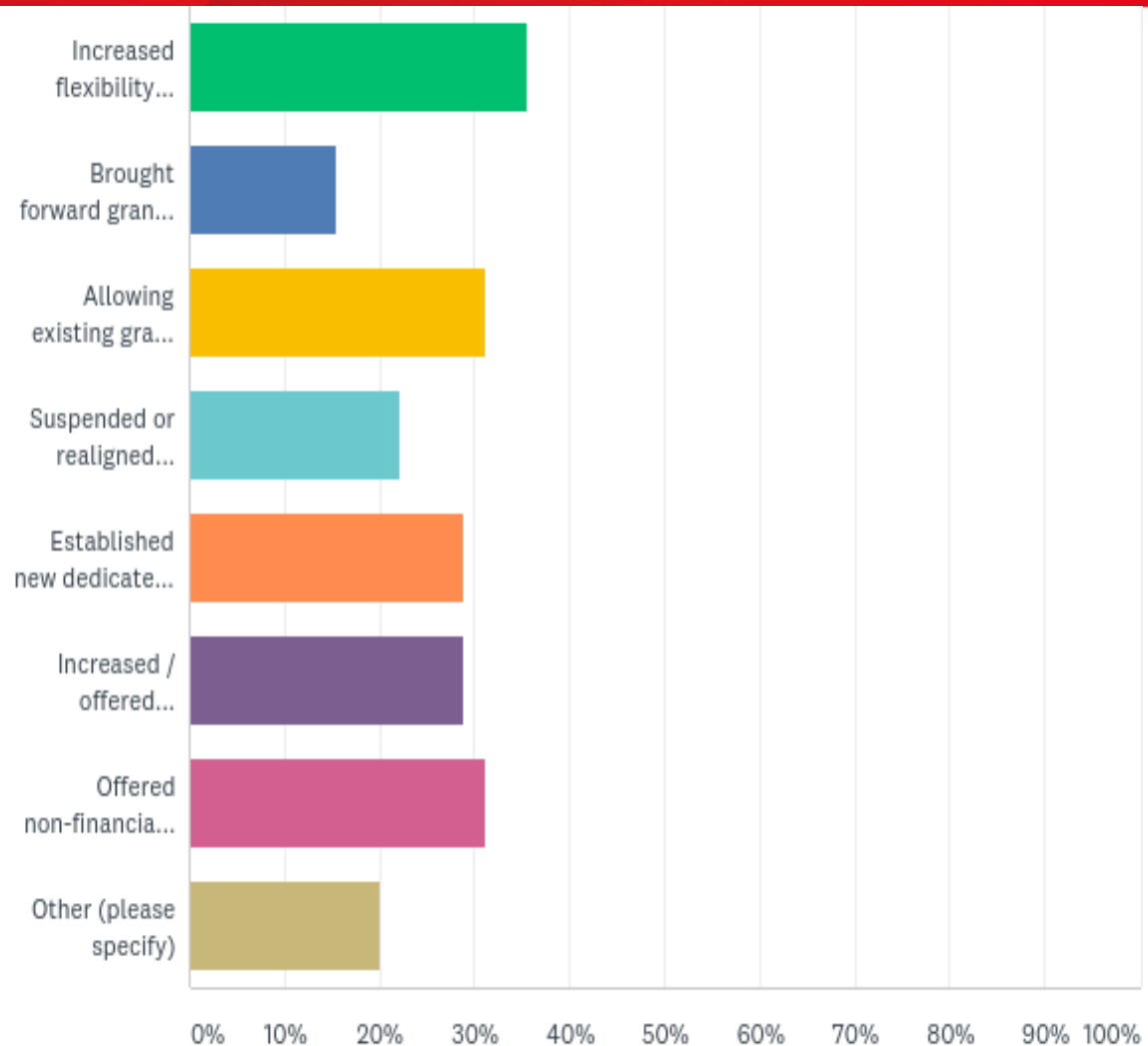


Q3: If you have already changed your approach for your existing grant partners, what 'other' things have you done?

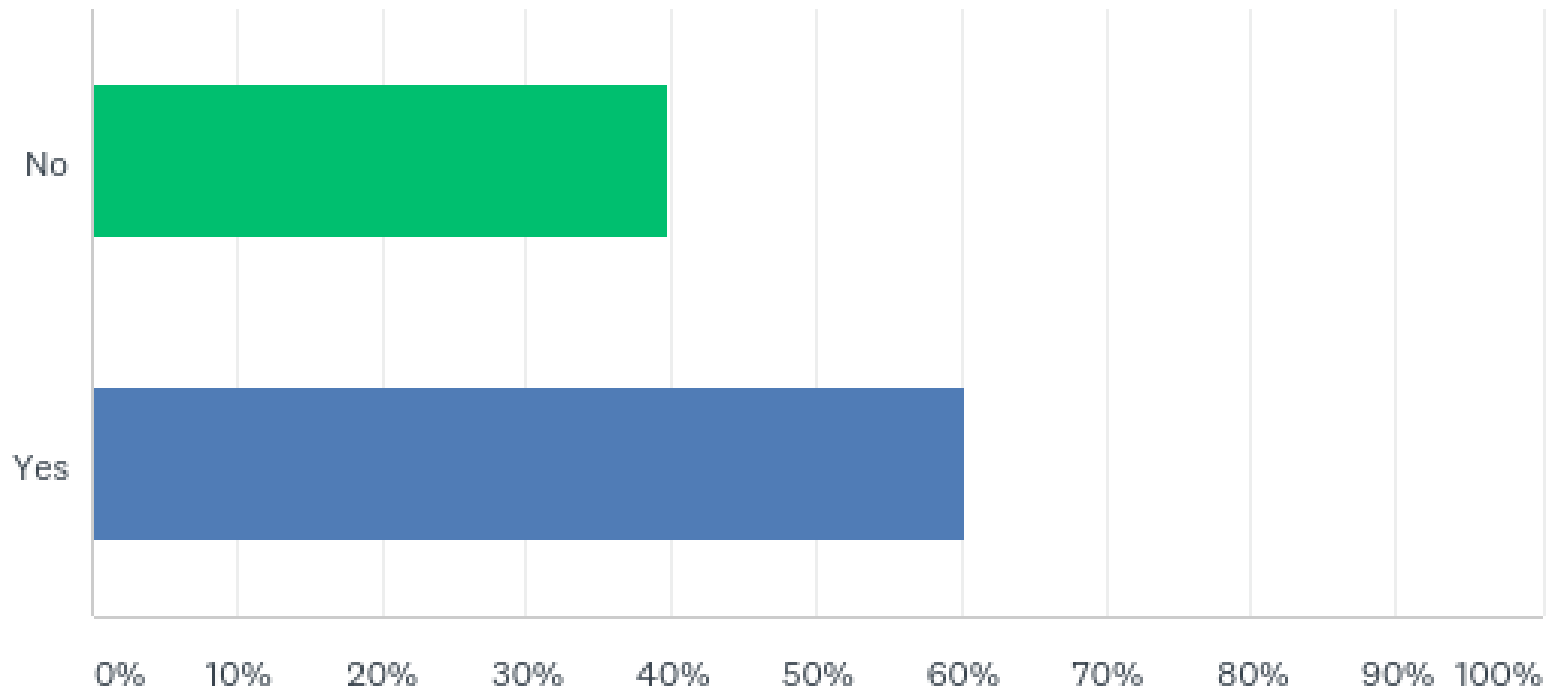
- Paid for key staff & additional resources to build digital capability
- Supported advocacy work for vulnerable groups
- Increased public & government advocacy work
- Have no 'untied' funding but (through discussion) agreed to re-allocate it to areas of more pressing need
- Provided expertise and mentoring
- Capturing learnings – the system is stressed and best lessons will happen now

Q4: If you are considering how you might change your approach, what are you considering (please tick as many as appropriate)?

45 responses

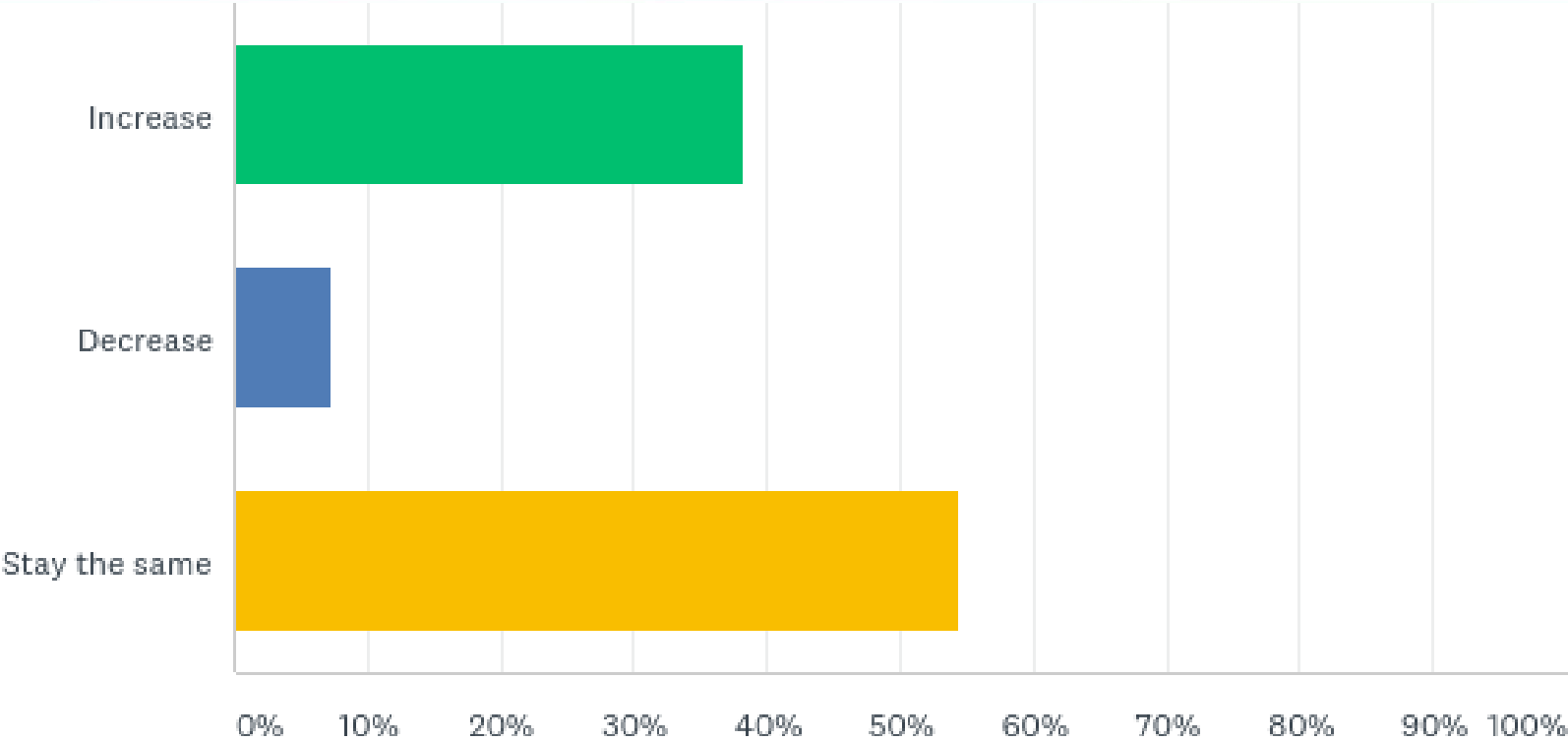


Q5: Are you offering grants to new grant partners around C19?



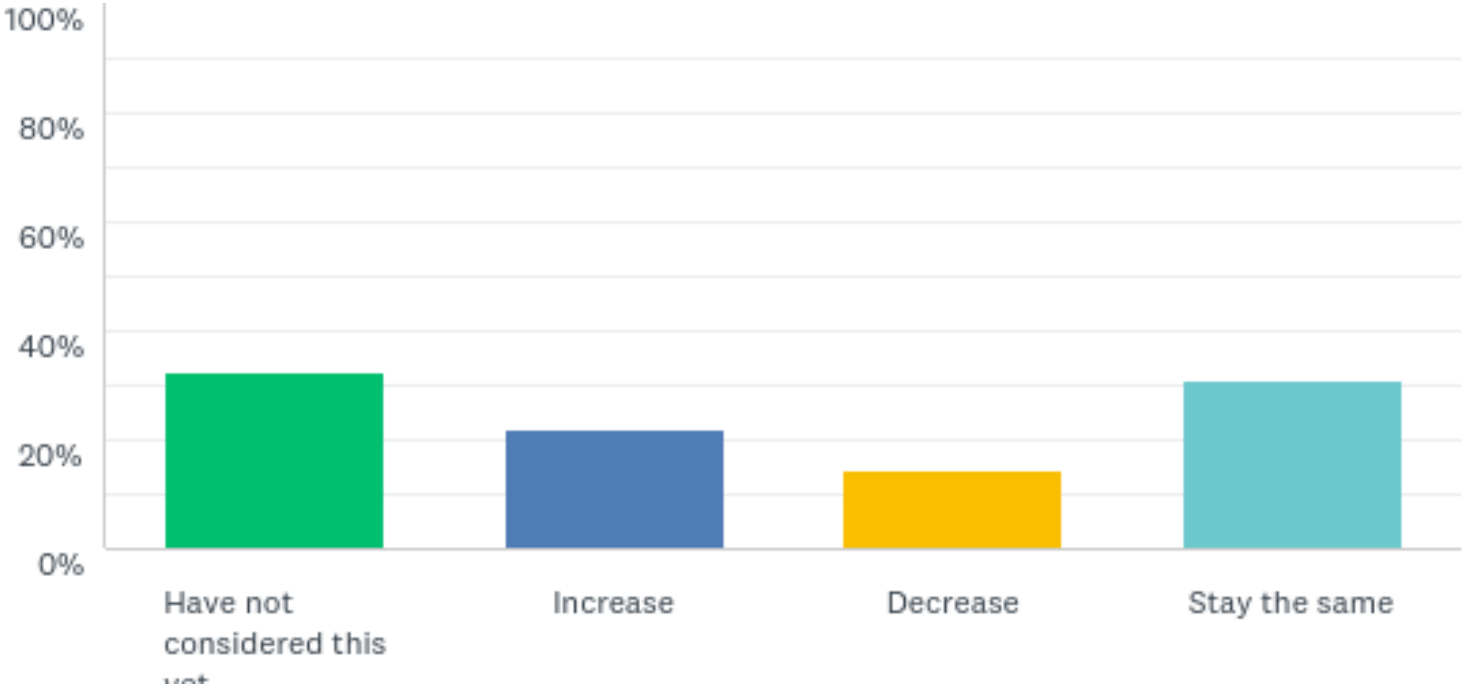
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	39.71%	27
Yes	60.29%	41
TOTAL		68

Q6: What are you planning to do for your FY19-20 distribution / grant amounts?



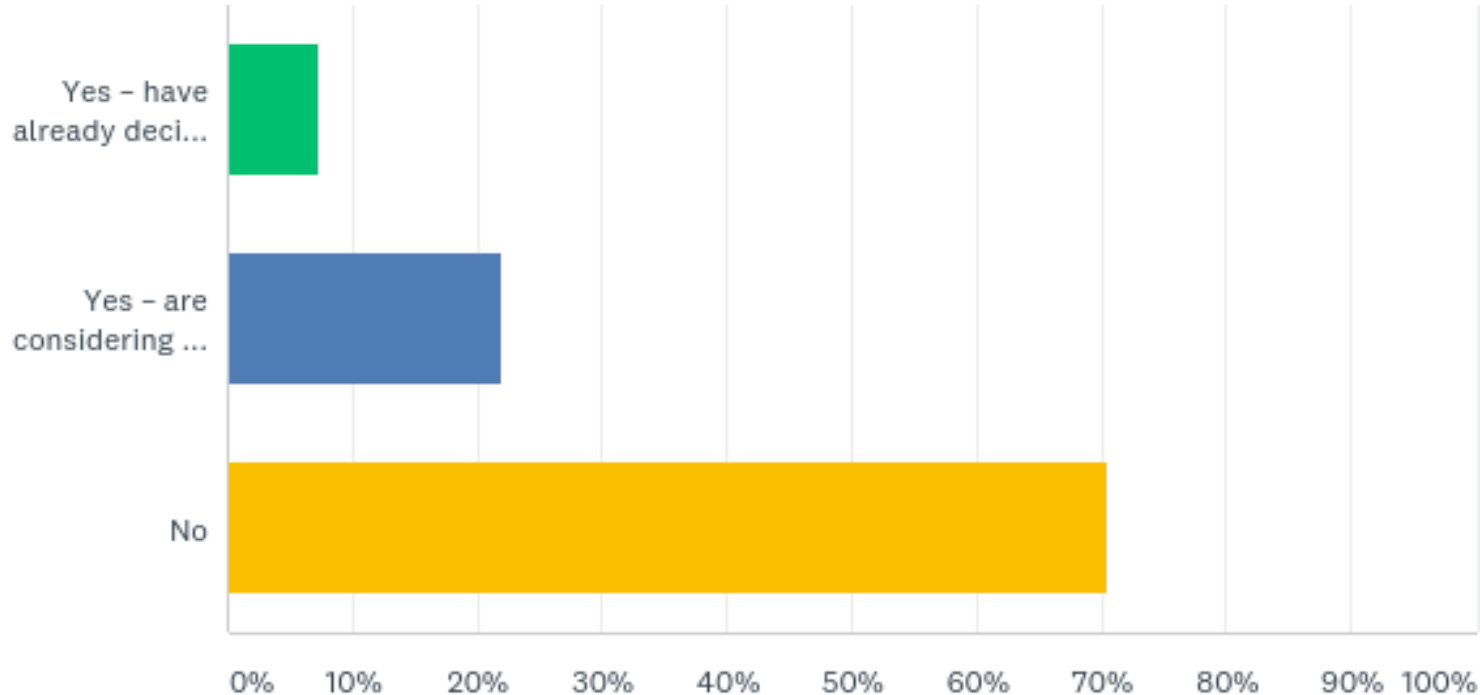
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increase	38.24%	26
Decrease	7.35%	5
Stay the same	54.41%	37
Total Respondents: 68		

Q7: What are you planning to do for your FY20-21 distribution / grant amounts?



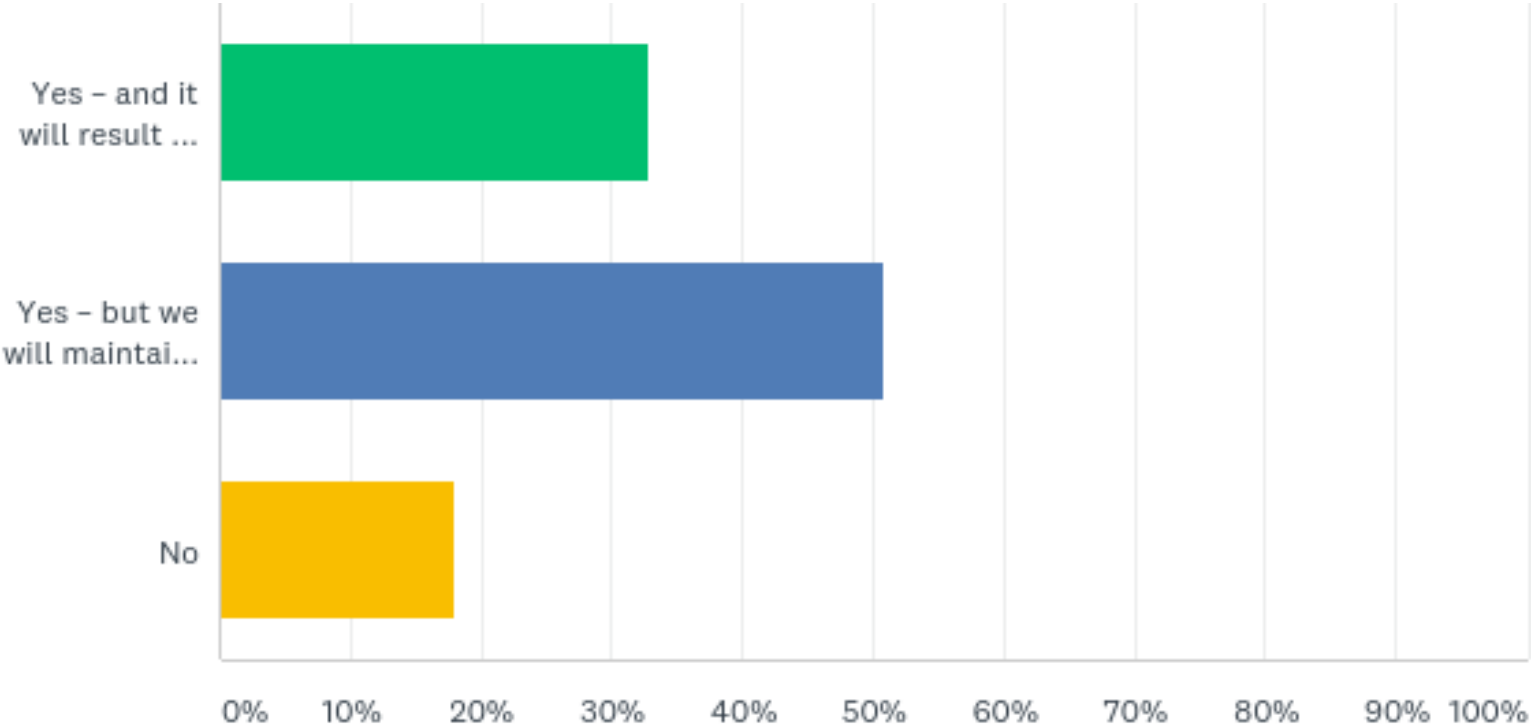
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Have not considered this yet	32.35% 22
Increase	22.06% 15
Decrease	14.71% 10
Stay the same	30.88% 21
Total Respondents: 68	

Q8: Are you considering using your balance sheets / capital to offer non-grant financial support?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - have already decided to offer loans or other social finance options using the capital / balance sheet	7.35%	5
Yes - are considering how we might do this and looking at options	22.06%	15
No	70.59%	48
Total Respondents: 68		

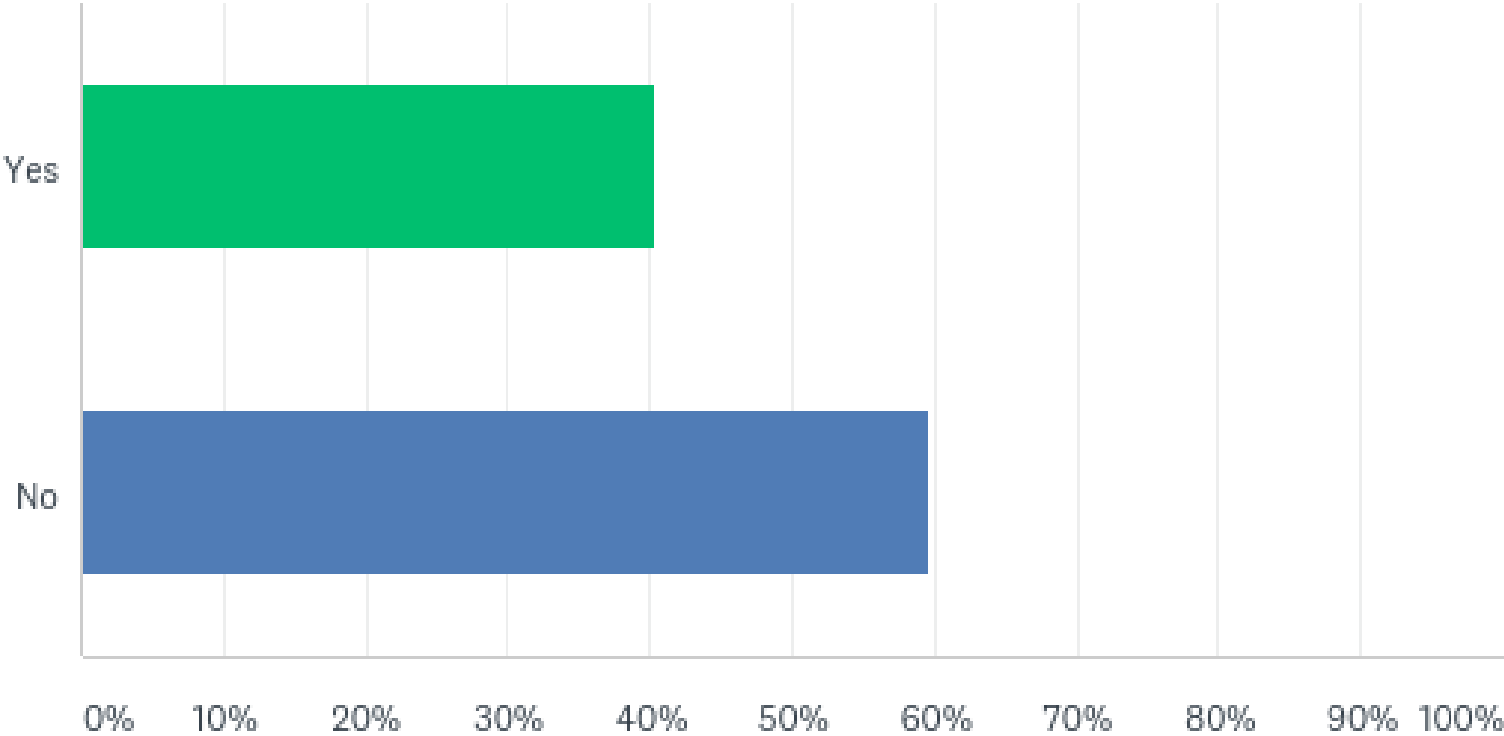
Q9: Has the value of your corpus declined as a result of the economic instability resulting from C19?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - and it will result in lower distribution levels	32.84%	22
Yes - but we will maintain or increase giving levels	50.75%	34
No	17.91%	12
Total Respondents: 67		

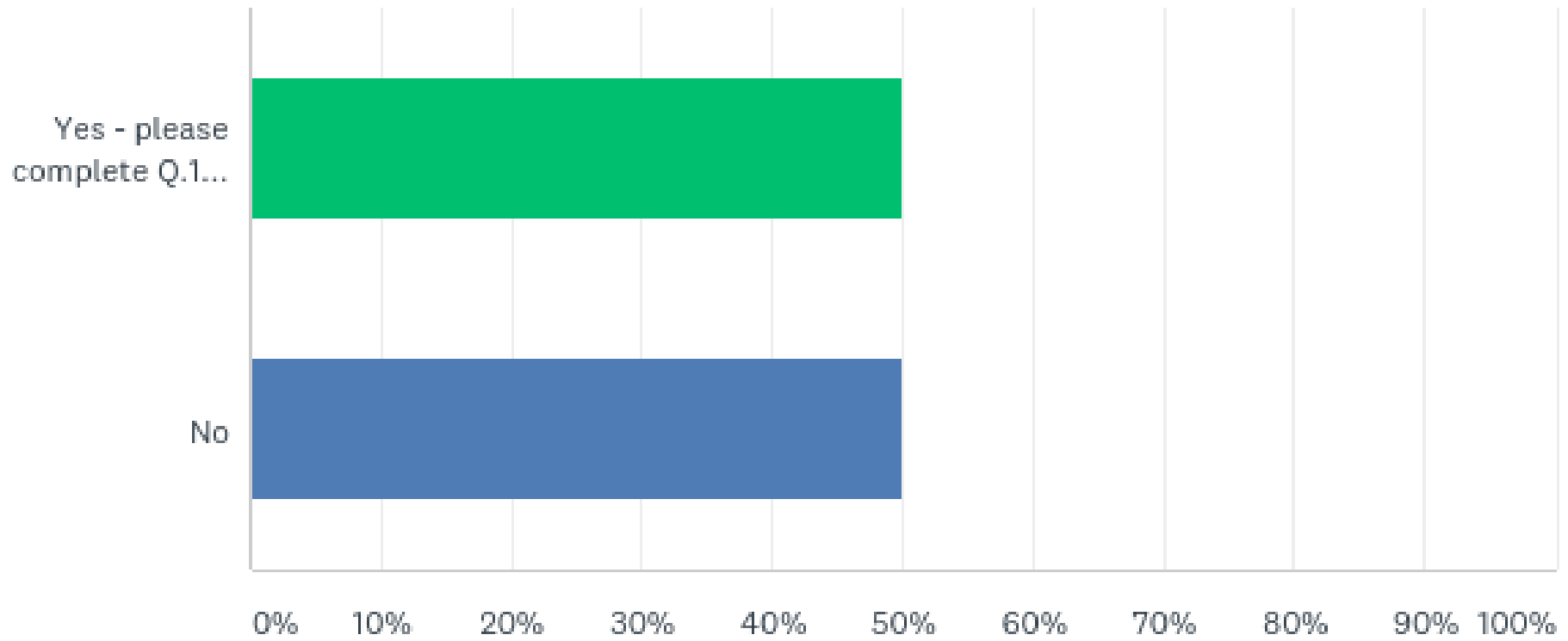
Q10: Is your foundation engaging in advocacy in behalf of particular groups as part of your C19 response?

67 responses



Q11: Are you interested in pooling resources or combining processes with other Foundations in response to C19?

68 responses



General Comments...

- Most comments noted the importance of being part of Philanthropy Australia to enable discussion / ideas and sharing info and data like this
- Many noted the difficulty of predicting what will happen – hence the need to ‘hasten slowly’
- A few comments looked forward to exploring how philanthropy could support NFP sustainability, and its role in the next phase in helping NFPs access stimulus funding (e.g. affordable housing, energy transition, food security)
- One other respondent noted the importance of maintaining the community infrastructure, built by philanthropy, through hibernation

Thank you...

Thank you to all our members who took the time to complete the survey and share their information and thinking.

As a philanthropic community, it is hugely valuable to have access to such information and insight. Thank you.