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Grant-Maker Survey – follow up Response to C19 August 2020

As at 31 August 2020

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Grant-Maker COVID-19 Survey Responses

August 2020

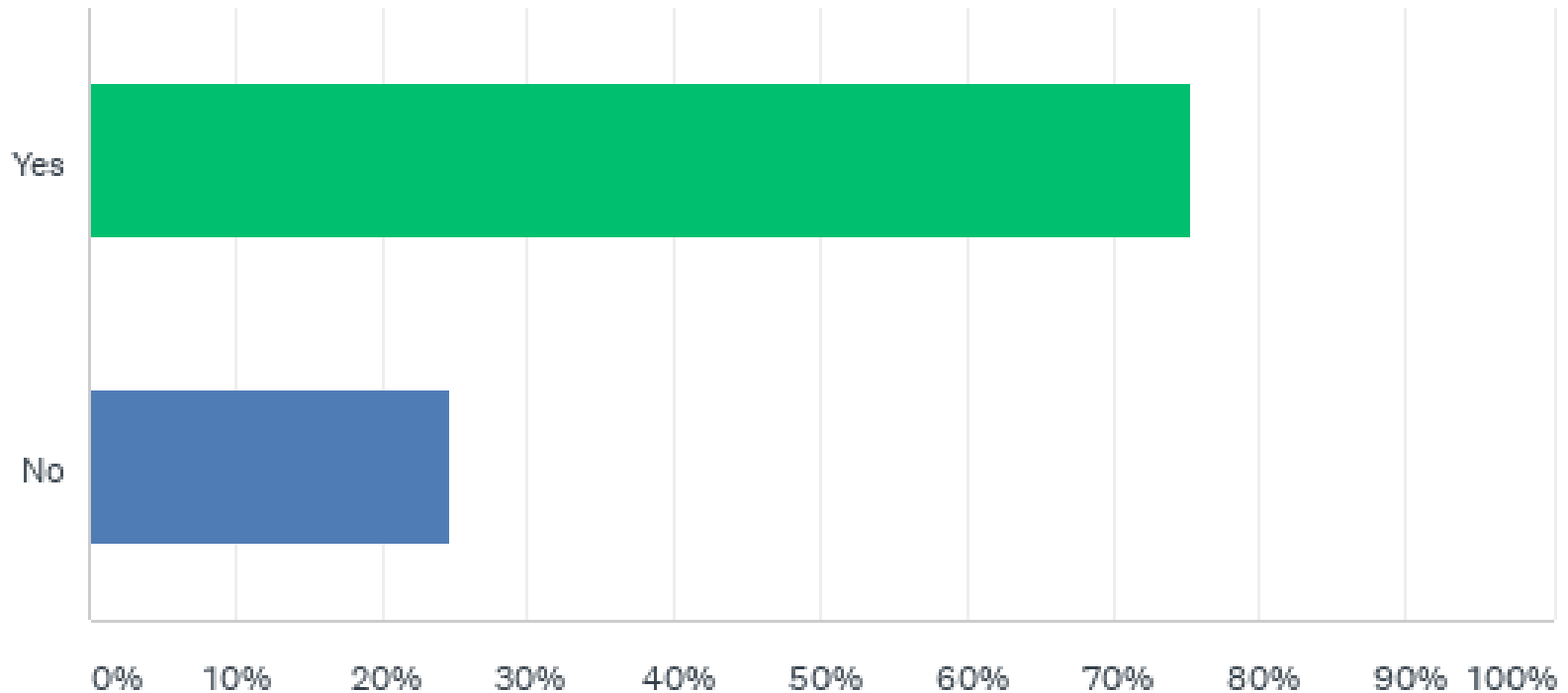
Survey:

- Survey administered to Philanthropy Australia Funder Members at in August 2020. Data analysed as at 2 Sept. 65 total responses.
- Follow up to first survey administered in May 2020 (101 responses)
- Wanted to see how COVID-19 (C19) is impacting grantmaking decisions and thinking
- Anonymous results
- Can repeat to review

Related information & resources:

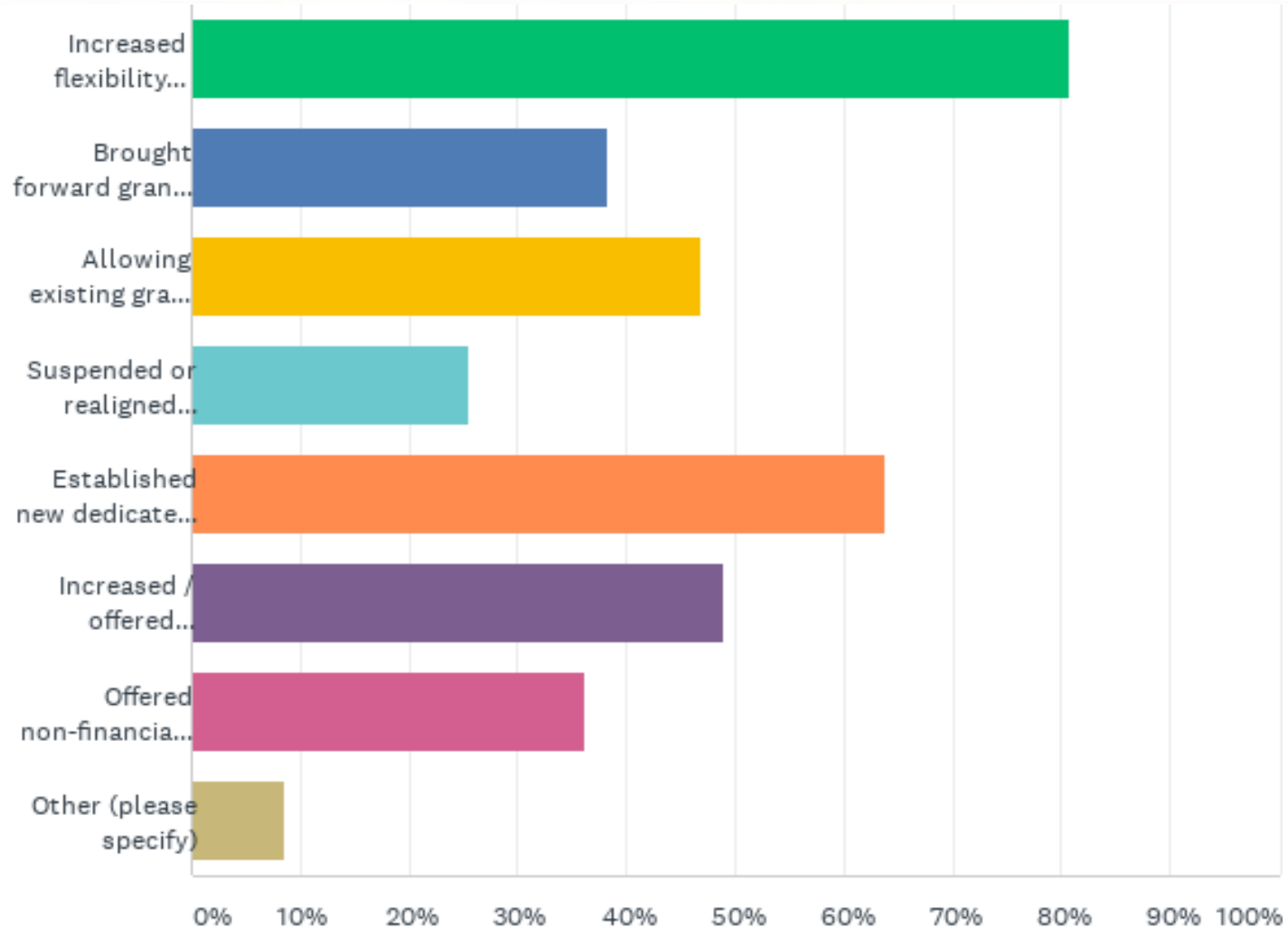
- [Summary report - May 2020 PA Funder Survey](#)
- [Public Statement from Philanthropy](#)
- [Philanthropy Australia COVID-19 Information](#)

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

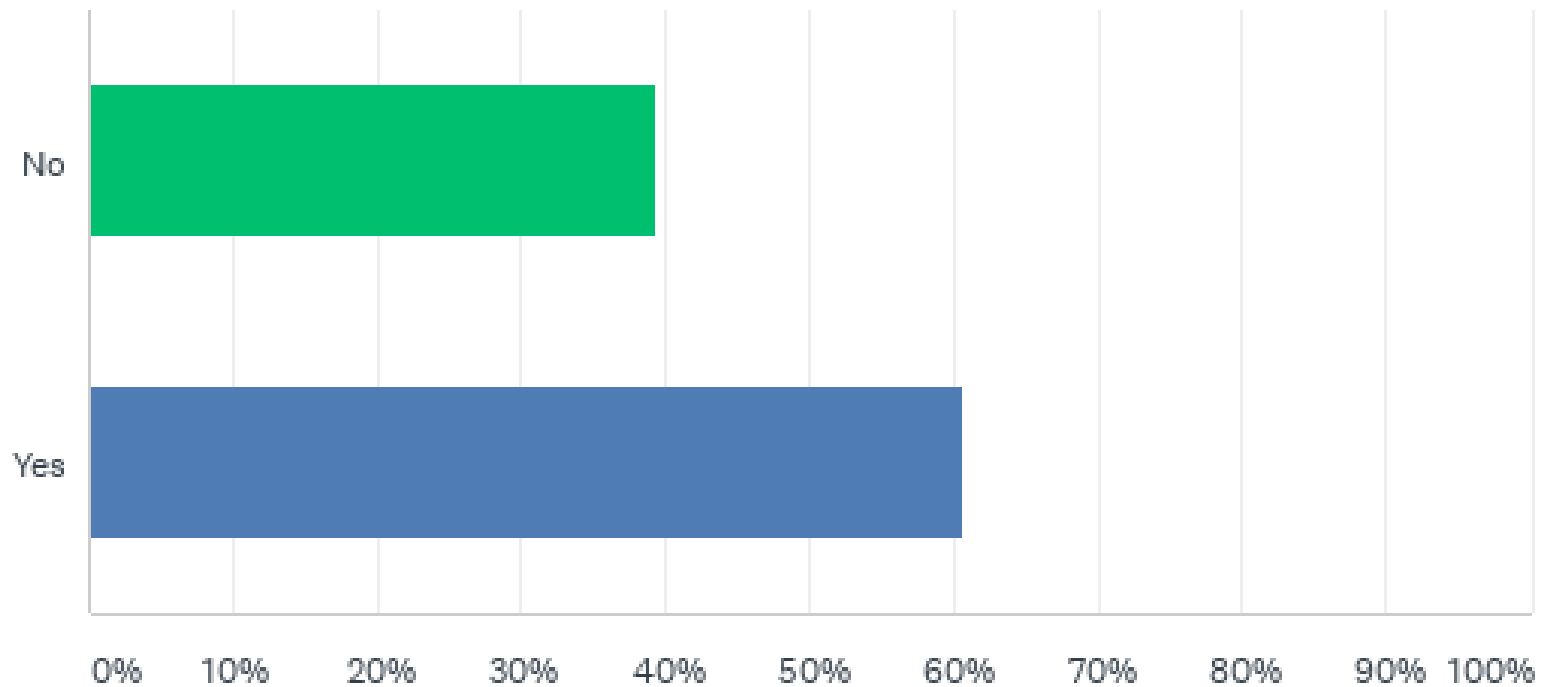


Q2: If yes, how (please select as many as appropriate)?

47 responses

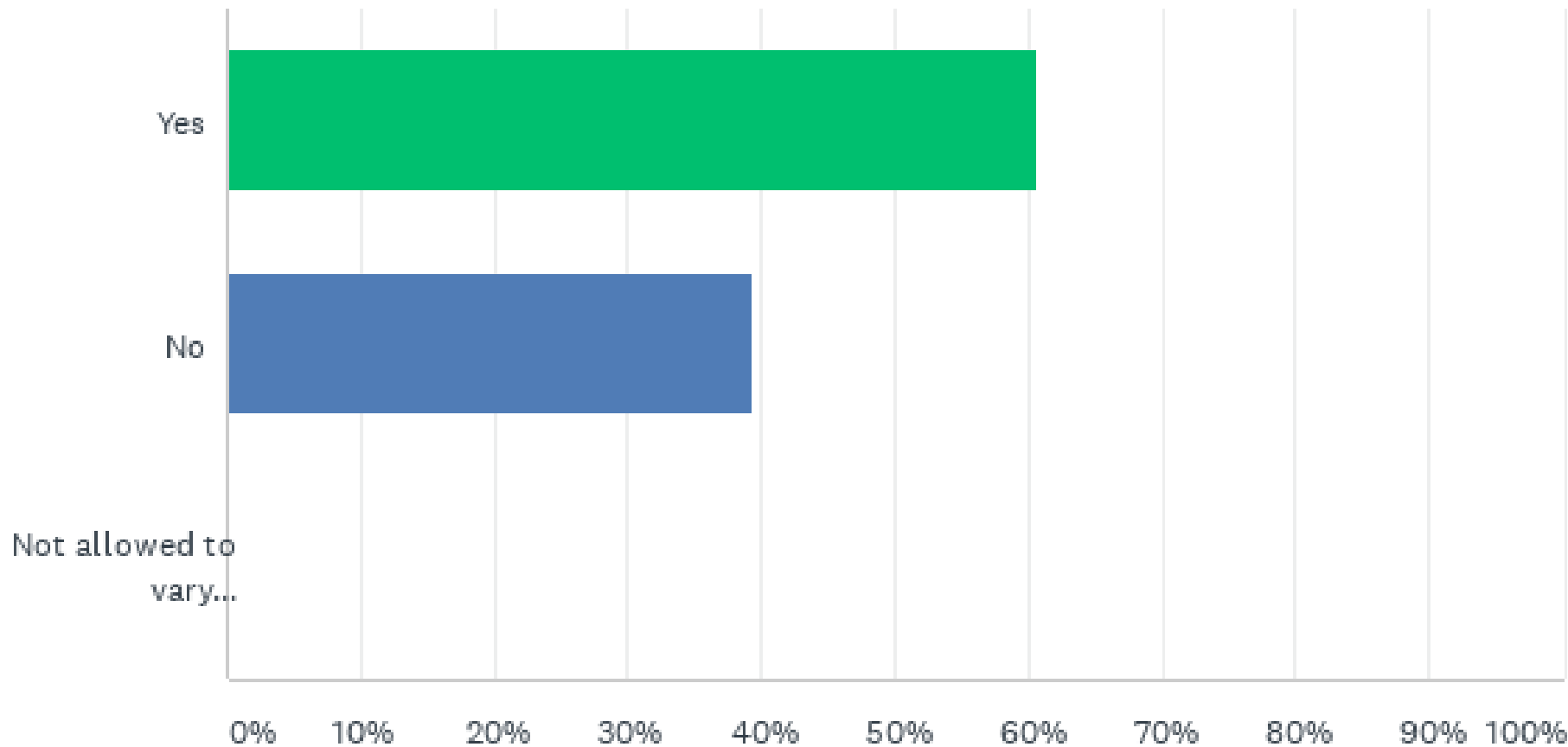


Q3: Are you offering grants to new grant partners around C19?

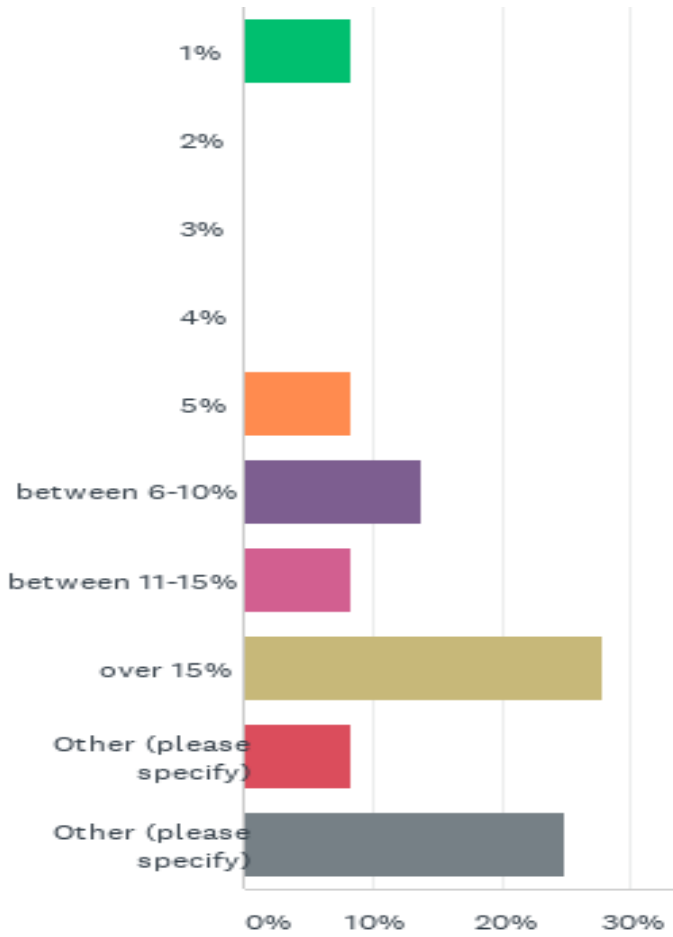


Q4: Re your total FY19-20 distribution / grant amounts, did you distribute more than your annual minimum required (however that may be calculated)?

56 responses



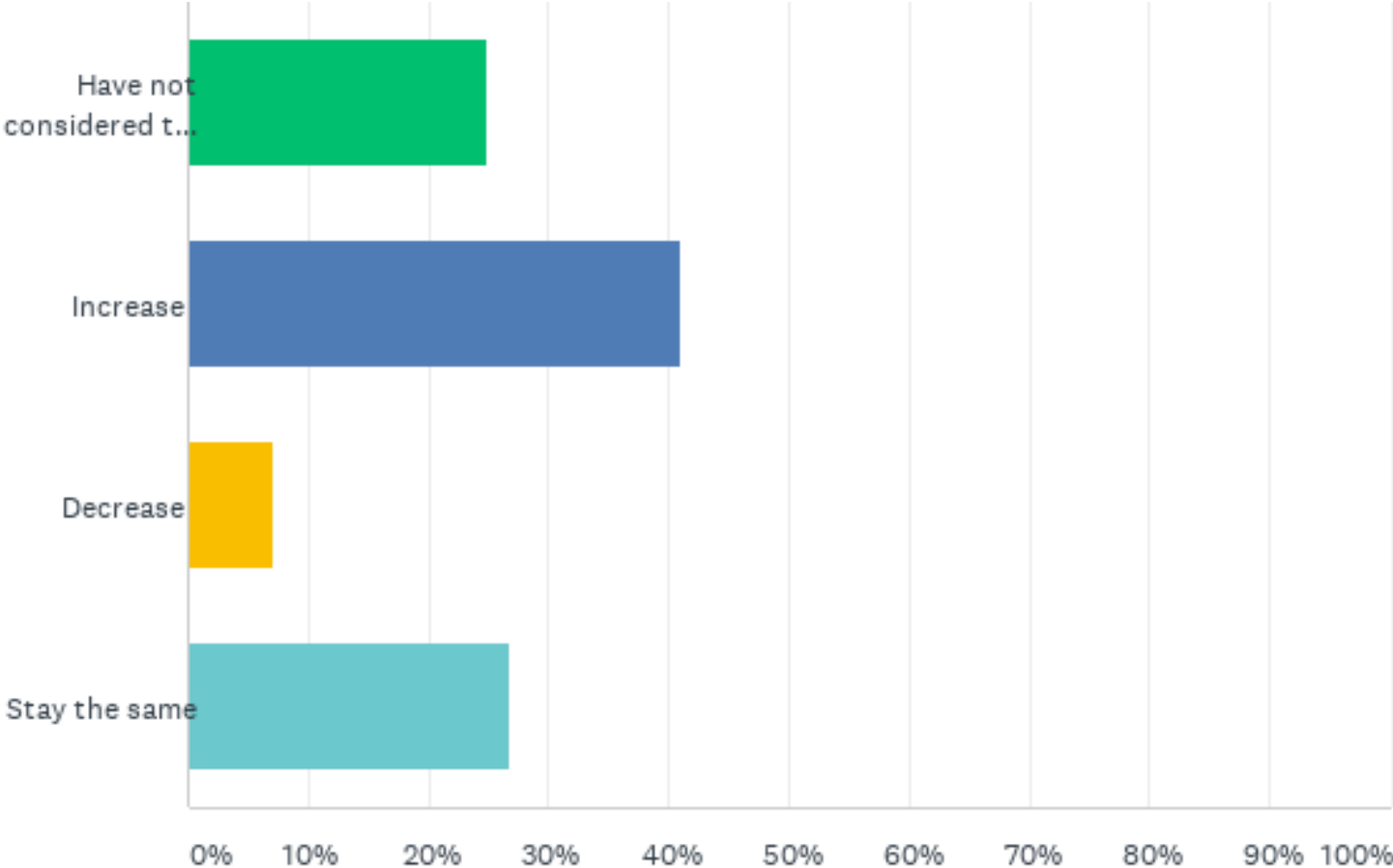
Q5: If YES, by approximately how much did you increase above (in addition to) the minimum required?



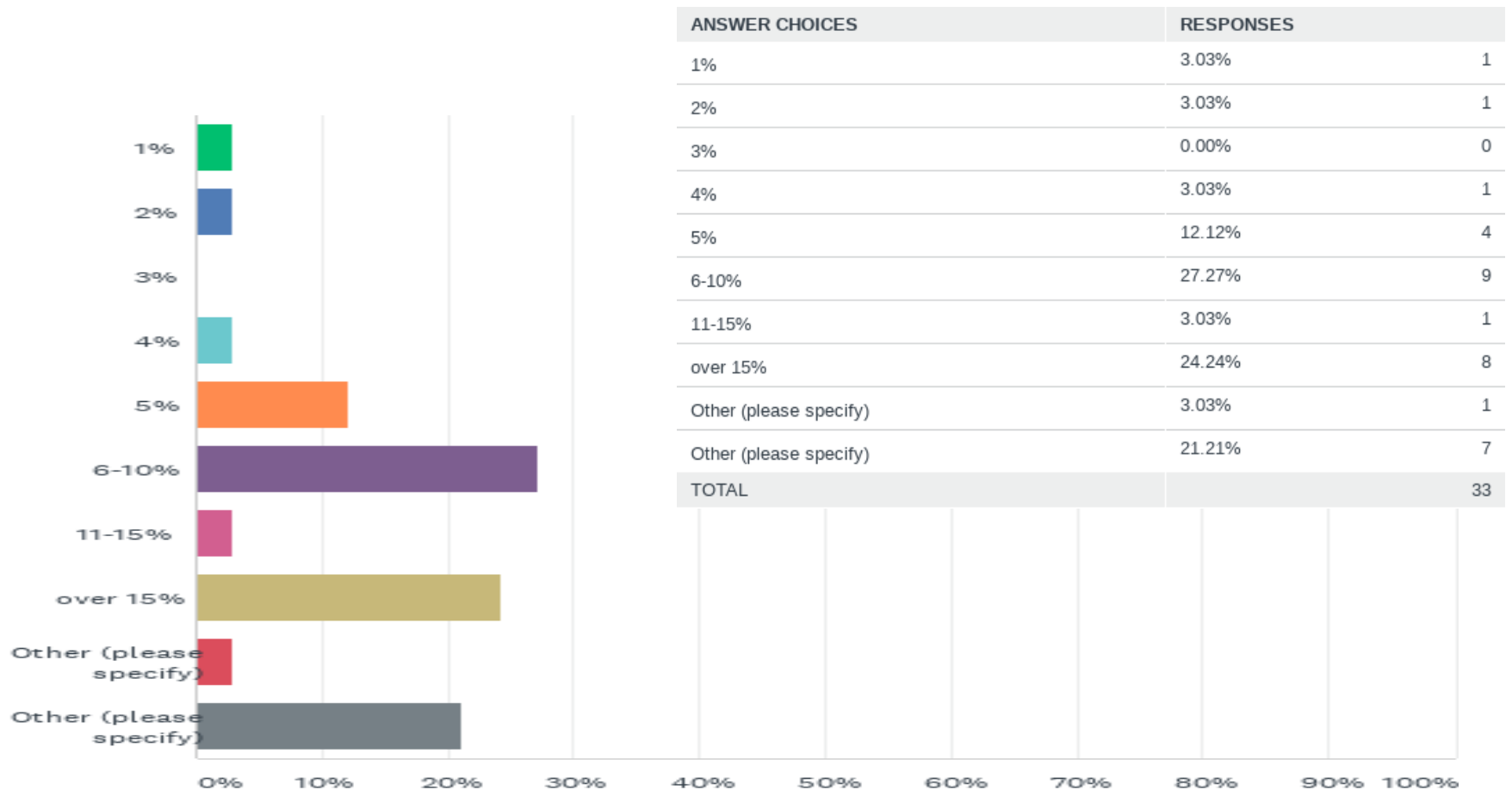
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	COUNT
1%	8.33%	3
2%	0.00%	0
3%	0.00%	0
4%	0.00%	0
5%	8.33%	3
between 6-10%	13.89%	5
between 11-15%	8.33%	3
over 15%	27.78%	10
Other (please specify)	8.33%	3
Other (please specify)	25.00%	9
TOTAL		36

Q6: What are you planning to do for your FY20-21 distribution / grant amounts?

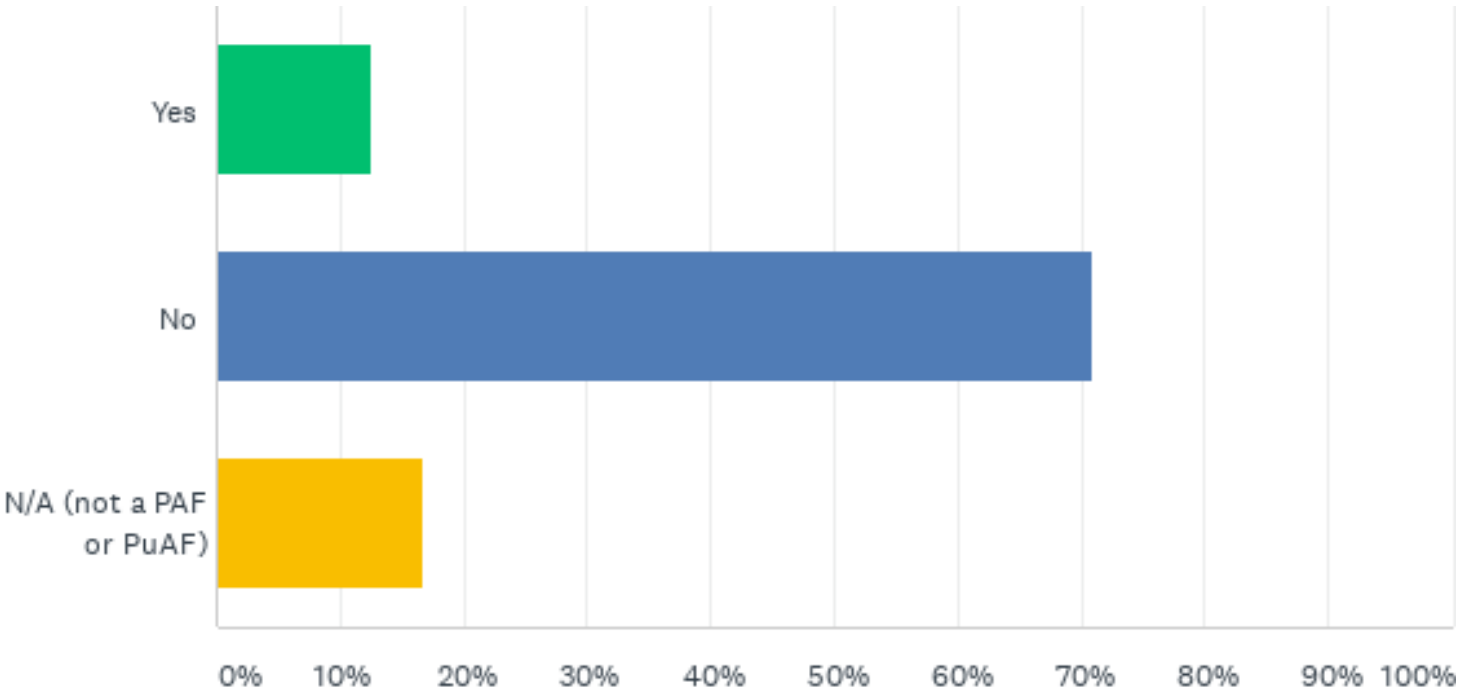
56 responses



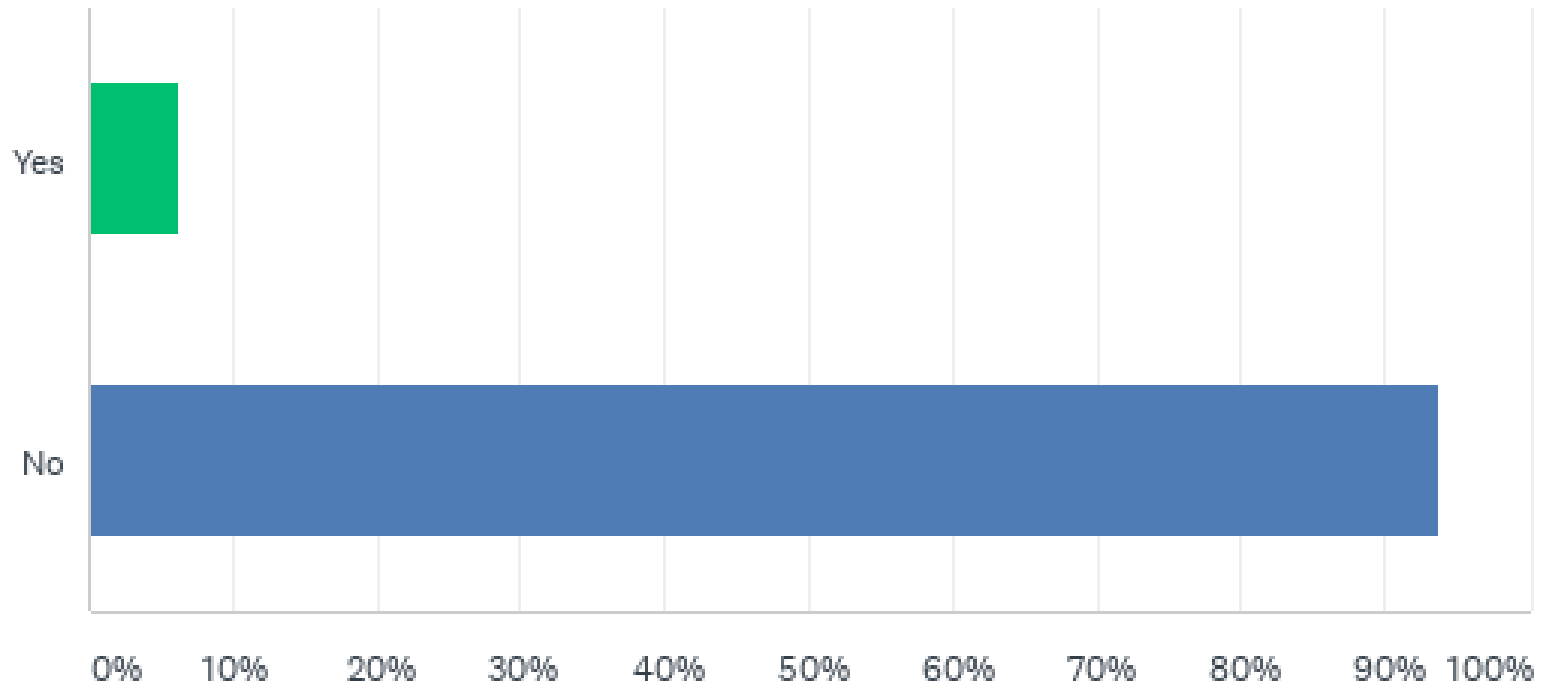
Q7: If you are planning to increase your distributions, what is your estimated increase?



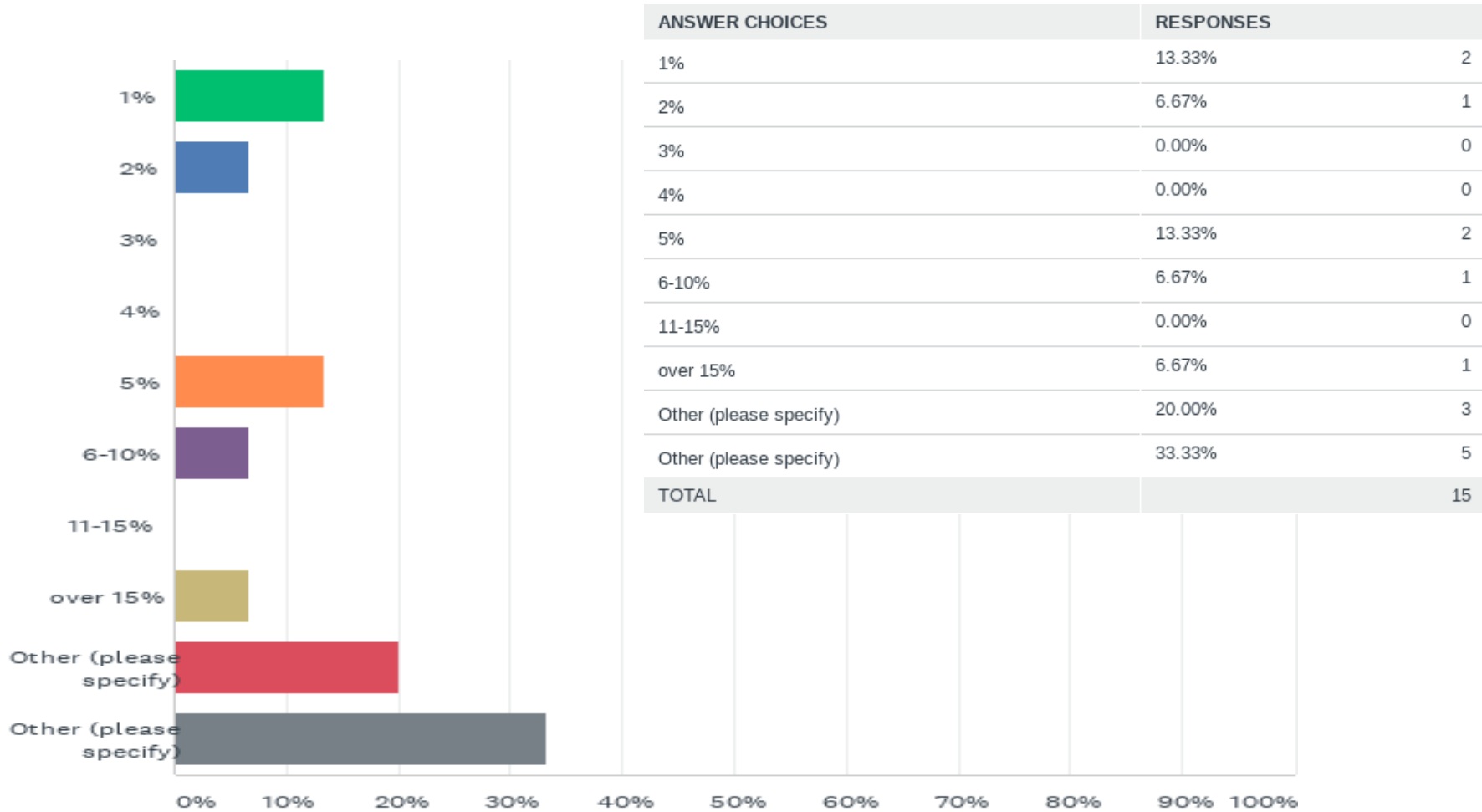
Q8: If you have increased your distributions in FY19-20, and/or plan to increase in FY20-21, have you been influenced by the Government's incentive to distribute more than the minimum requirement?



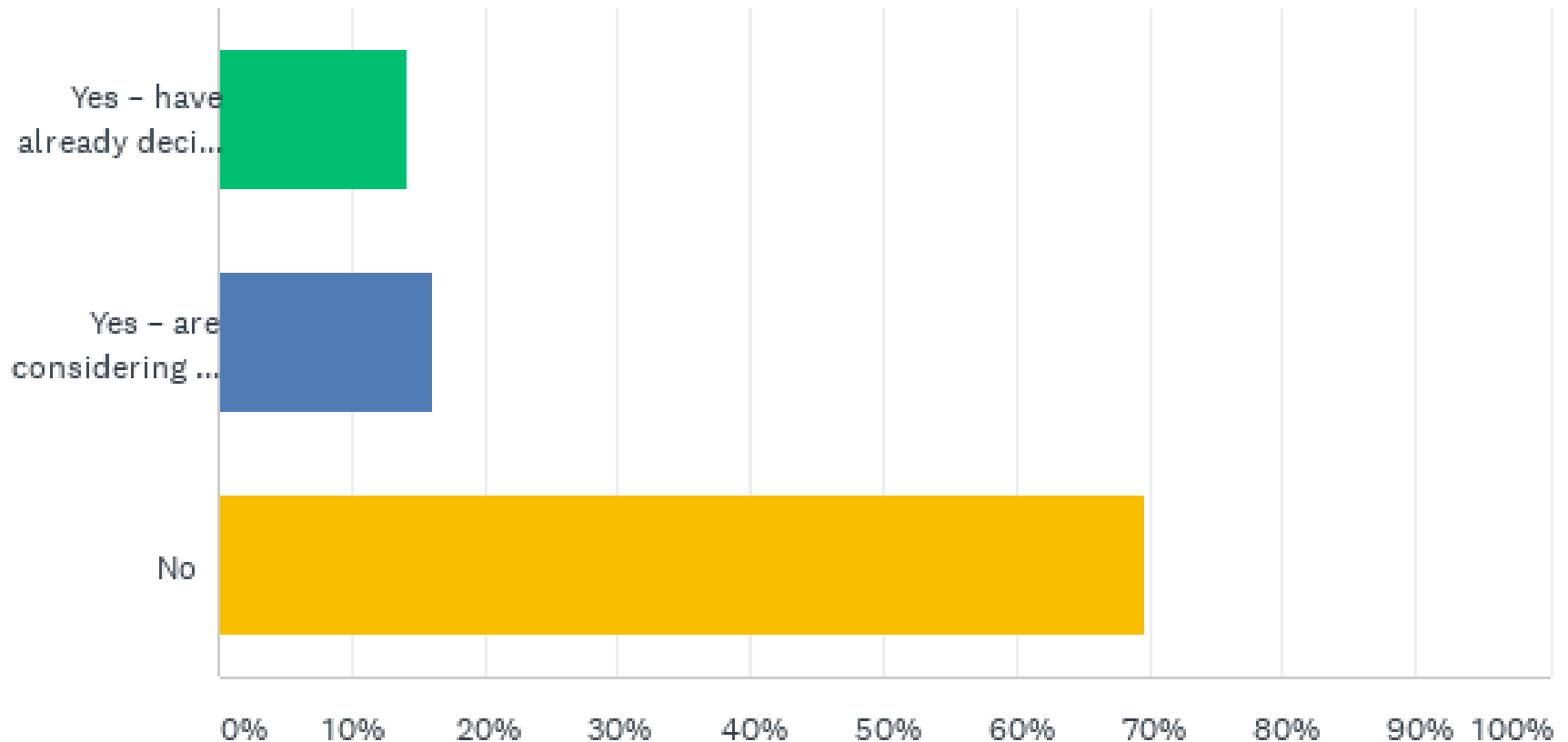
Q9: If YES, do you plan to take advantage of the credits to adjust (lower) your distributions in future years?



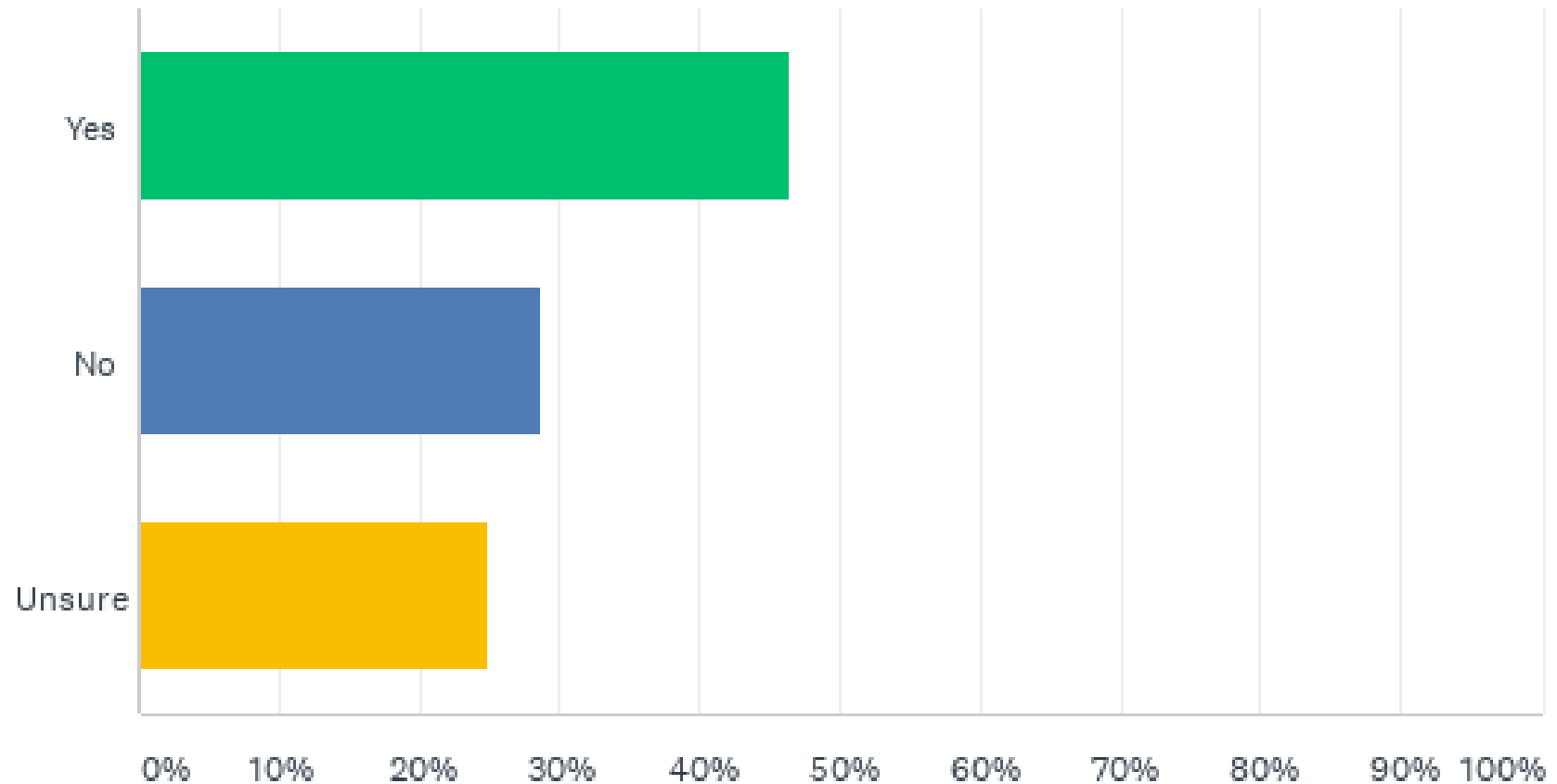
Q10: If you are planning to decrease your FY20-21 distribution amounts, what is the estimated decrease?



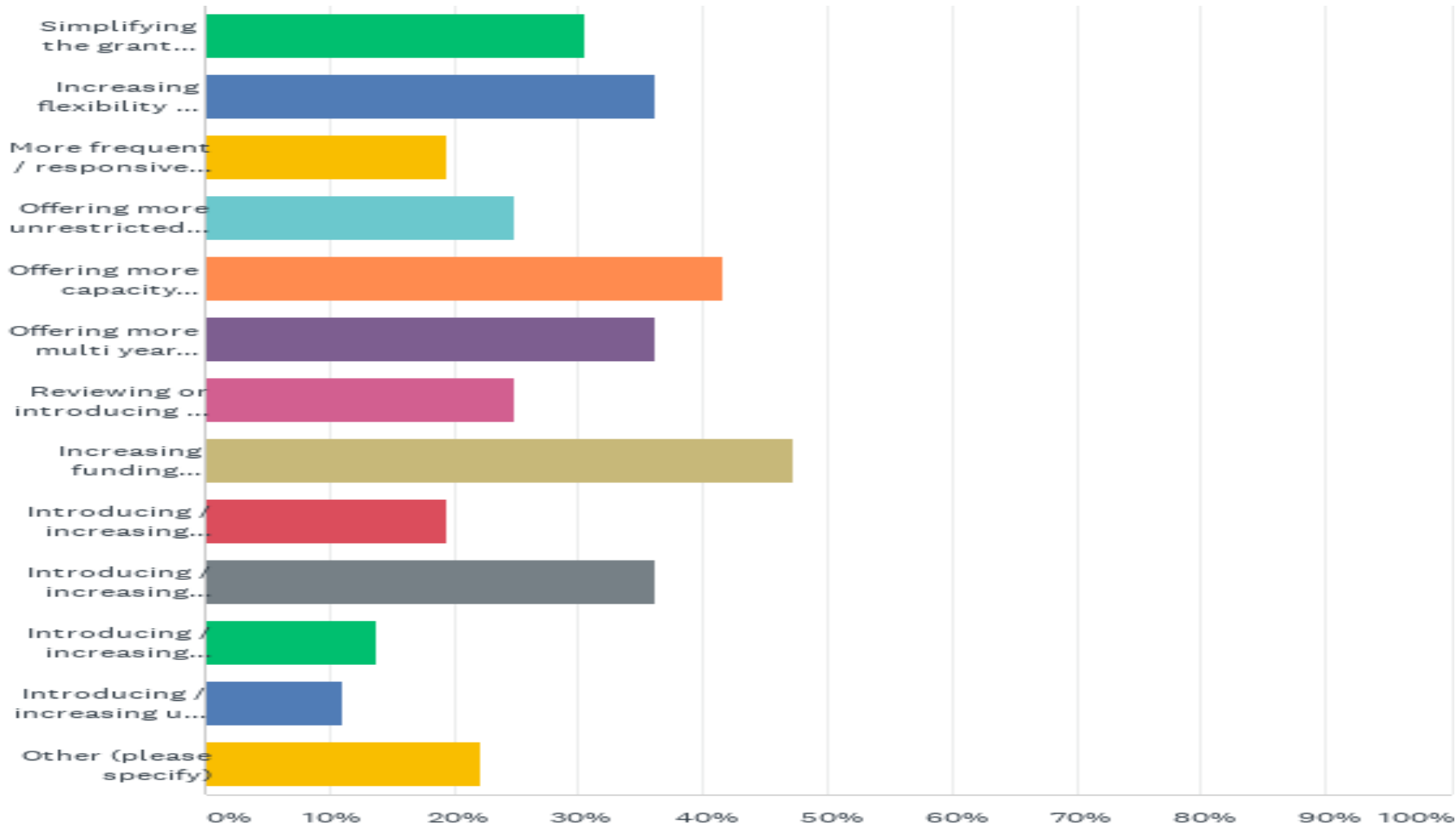
Q11: Are you considering using your balance sheets / capital to offer non-grant financial support?



Q12: As we move out of a 'response' phase, and turn our minds to recovery, are you considering any longer-term changes to your grant making practices and approaches?



Q13: If YES, what changes are you considering (select as many as apply) ...

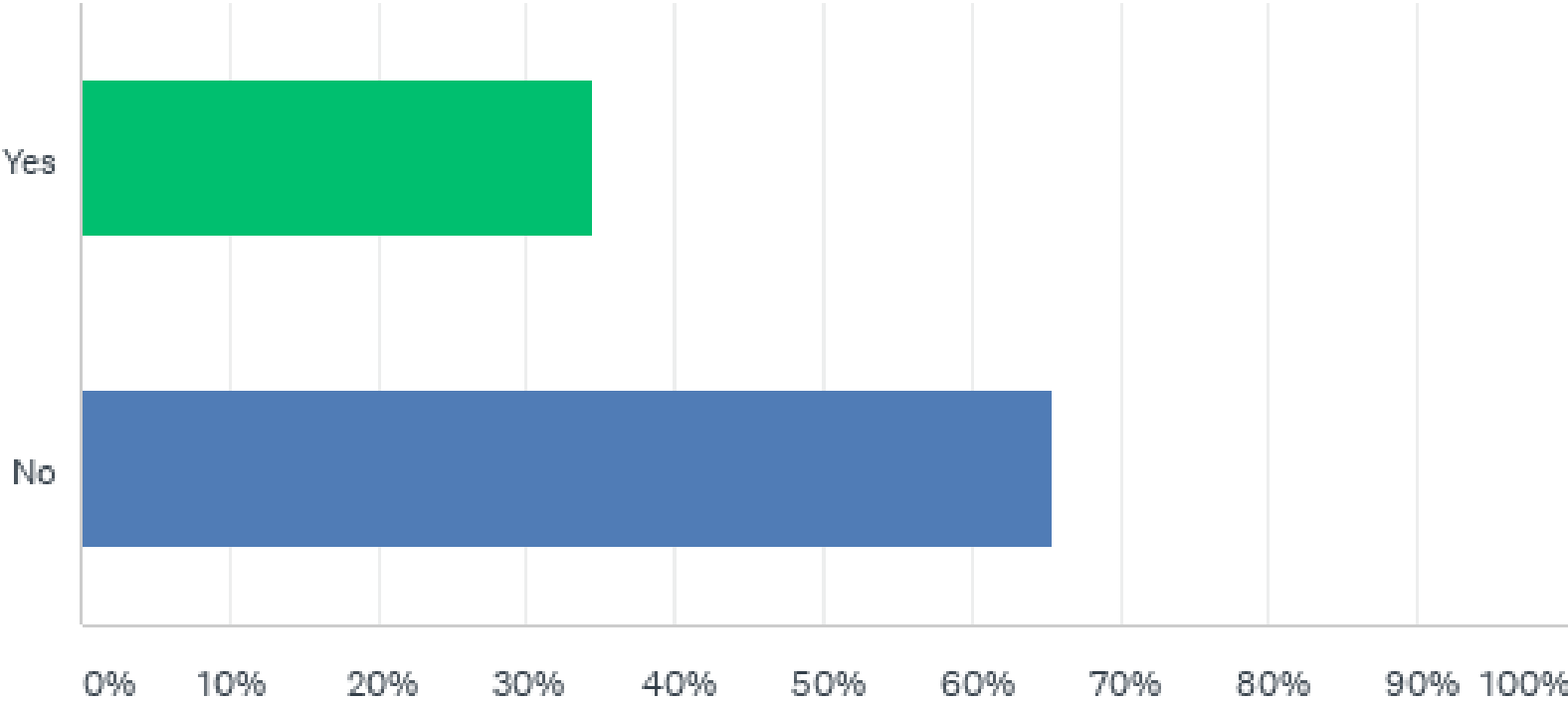


Q13: If YES, what changes are you considering (select as many as apply)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Simplifying the grant application process	30.56%	11
Increasing flexibility of administrative and/or reporting requirements	36.11%	13
More frequent / responsive grant rounds	19.44%	7
Offering more unrestricted funding	25.00%	9
Offering more capacity building grant funding	41.67%	15
Offering more multi year funding	36.11%	13
Reviewing or introducing new grant program definitions or areas	25.00%	9
Increasing funding collaborations / partnerships	47.22%	17
Introducing / increasing community participation in grant decision making processes	19.44%	7
Introducing / increasing non-financial support to grant recipients	36.11%	13
Introducing / increasing support for informing and influencing public policy	13.89%	5
Introducing / increasing use of balance sheet / blended / impact investment options	11.11%	4
Other (please specify)	22.22%	8
Total Respondents: 36		

Q14: Is your foundation engaging in advocacy in behalf of particular groups as part of your C19 response?

55 responses



Q15: If we repeat this survey in a few months, is there anything else you would like us to ask?

- Have you considered spending down your corpus over the next 10-20 years?
- Are you co-funding? How?
- What are the 2 most significant changes you have noticed in the way Board Directors have shifted their approach / attitude towards grantmaking as a result of COVID-19?
- Has your foundation funding leveraged other funding contributions?

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.