Among Affordable Housing Nonprofits

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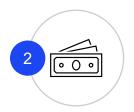




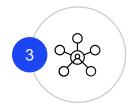
Research Questions



What are the resident services offered by affordable housing nonprofits that own or manage rental housing?

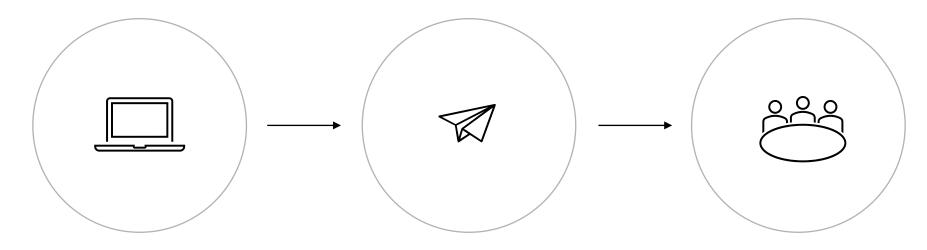


How are these resident services funded?



How are these resident services delivered?

Methods



Pre-Survey Interviews + Pilot Testing

Interviewed and pilot tested the survey with 7 organizations.

Qualtrics Survey

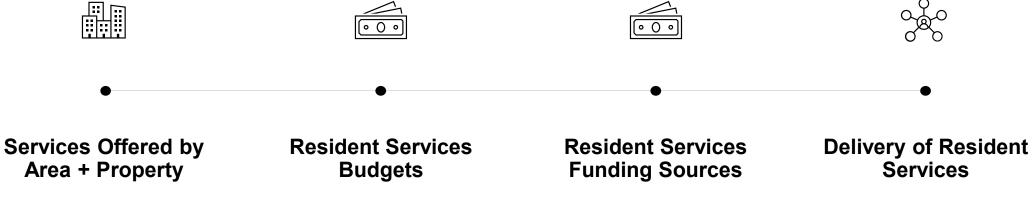
Launched from July 8 to August 6, 2021 via email to 185 NeighborWorks organizations. 74 organizations that offer resident services to rental properties responded.

Follow-Up Interviews

Conducted 12 follow-up interviews with organizations and experts in the field.



Research Findings: Qualtrics Survey



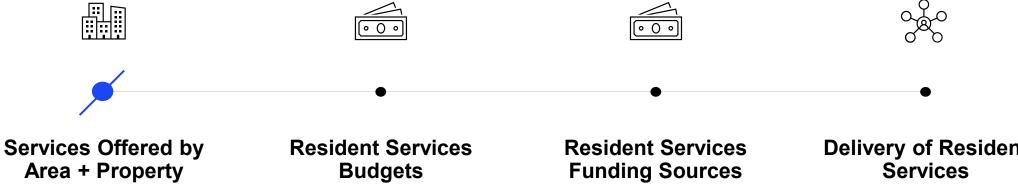
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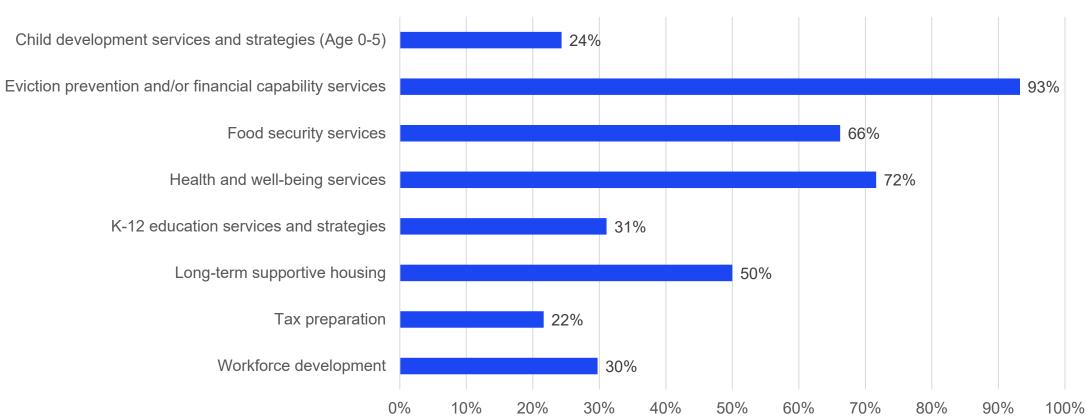
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Eviction prevention, health and well-being services, and food security services are the most popular areas of resident services

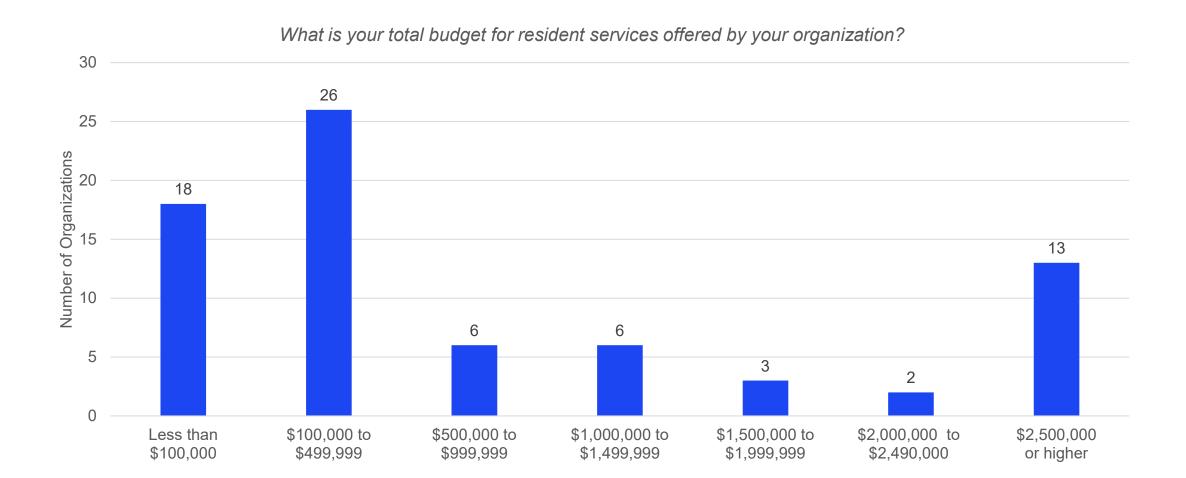


What type of resident services does your organization offer? Check all that apply.

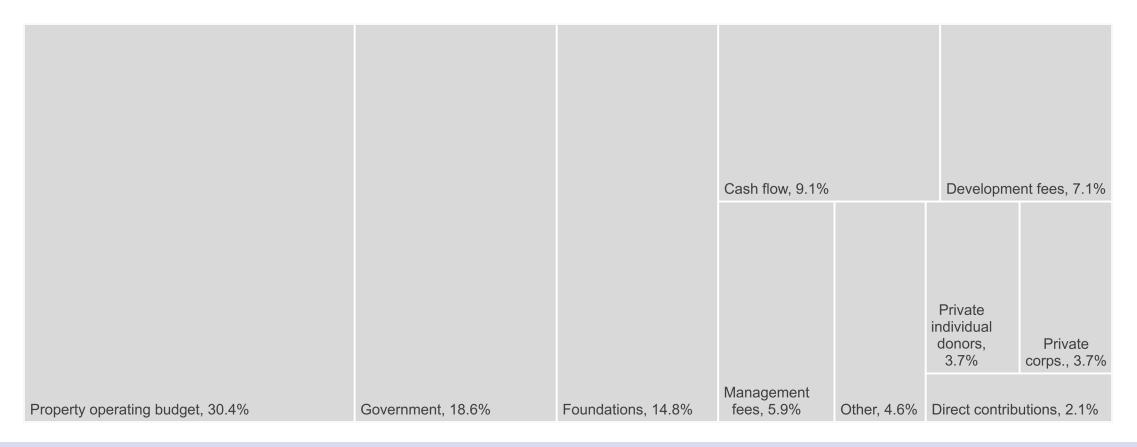
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Total budgets for resident services range from \$2,500 to \$17.2M



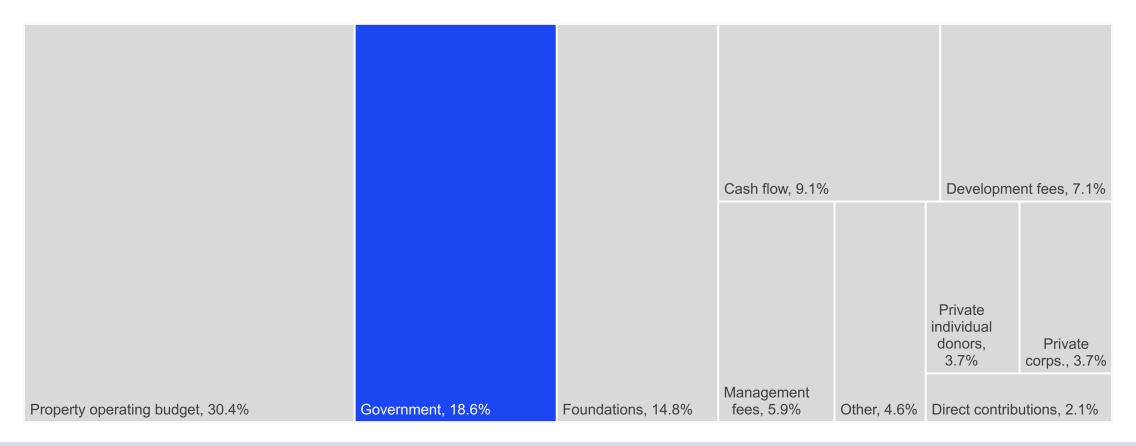
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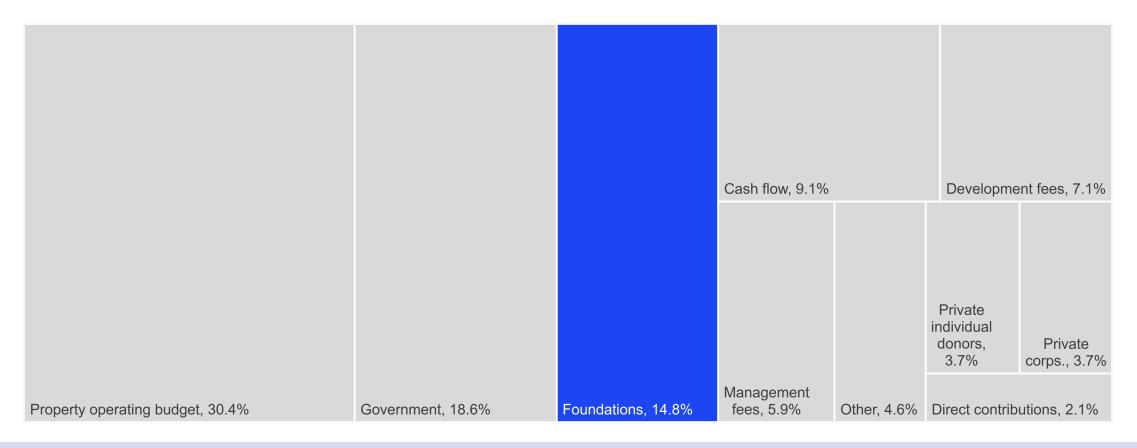
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			Cash flow, 9.1%			
					Development fees, 7.1%	
					Private individual donors, 3.7%	Private corps., 3.7%
Property operating budget, 30.4%	Government, 18.6%	Foundations, 14.8%	Management fees, 5.9%	Other, 4.6%	Direct contrib	utions, 2.1%

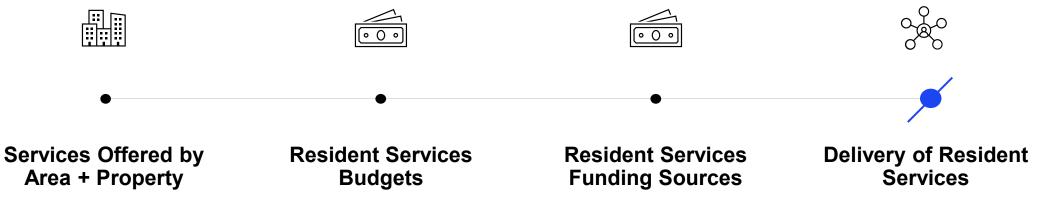
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Third party organizations are central to service delivery across most respondents

My organization A mix of my organization and a third party A third party Child development services and strategies (Age 0-5) 44% 33% 22% Eviction prevention and/or financial capability services 71% 26% Food security services 29% 57% 14% Health and well-being services 26% 64% 9% K-12 education services and strategies 57% 35% Long-term supportive housing 43% 46% Tax preparation 44% 6% 50% Workforce development 45% 41% 14% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Who delivers the resident service(s) that your organization offers?



COVID-19 expanded funding and altered the landscape of service delivery.

"Things kind of came to a head this summer when things began to open back up, and we realized how amplified a lot of the challenges were in the community and how little capacity our partner agencies had to respond to the needs of our residents."

Elizabeth Bridgewater, Executive Director

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (Southern Vermont)



18 rental properties, 22% receive services



Resident services budget of \$98,533, although COVID-19's afforded budget and funding flexibility



Recently expanded services to all properties due to the pandemic

There's a need to establish stable, consistent funding for services.

"The rents that we're able to collect just don't support the operations beyond basic operations, so there's no funding to support resident services...We know that [resident services] matter. We know that [resident services] works. We know that people are more successful and staying housed....but I don't know how to pay for it."

Sheila Kilpatrick, Chief Operations Officer

RUPCO (Hudson Valley, NY)



11 rental properties, 27% receive services



Resident services budget of \$287,583, with all funding from government sources



Services are only provided to 3 long-term supportive housing properties

A diverse funding model enables growth and innovation.

"Our long-term goal is to get into the Pathways HUB network, so that once we're inside we can have more influence on the process and payment rates. We think we're going to dominate the volume, which is going to get us a seat at the table."

Tim Bete, President

St. Mary Development Corporation (Southwest Ohio)



60 rental properties, 17% receive services



Resident services budget of \$875,000 with diverse sources (property budget, private + public funding)



Services are mostly dictated by senior-only housing and residents

Organizations fund, deliver, and monitor and evaluate resident services.

"We went through [10 years of AmeriCorps funding], and we had to do resident services ourselves. And we realized, wait, we don't have people who know resident services for seniors...Now we're realizing we need someone internally, who has senior expertise, so they can actually assess if our partner is doing what we need."

Valorie Schwarzmann, Chief Financial Officer

Homeport (Columbus, Ohio)



43 rental properties, 100% receive services



Resident services budget of \$562,834, with 70% from foundations, government, and corporations



Senior properties receive services from third-party partner

Conclusions and Future Research

"I don't know if there's any magic formula for figuring out funding for resident services. How do you fund for different services at different sites? How is it sustainable?"

- Monitoring COVID-19 funding and impact on organizations
- Contextualizing organizations within their communities
- Inquiring about how resident services budgets are formed, including the role of residents

Quote: Tejal Shah, Senior Director of Resident Services, EBALDC

Thank you

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