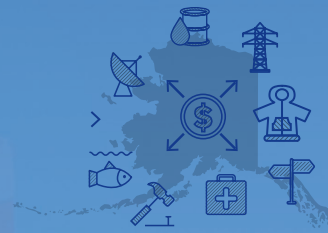


Impact of federal funding cuts on Alaska nonprofits

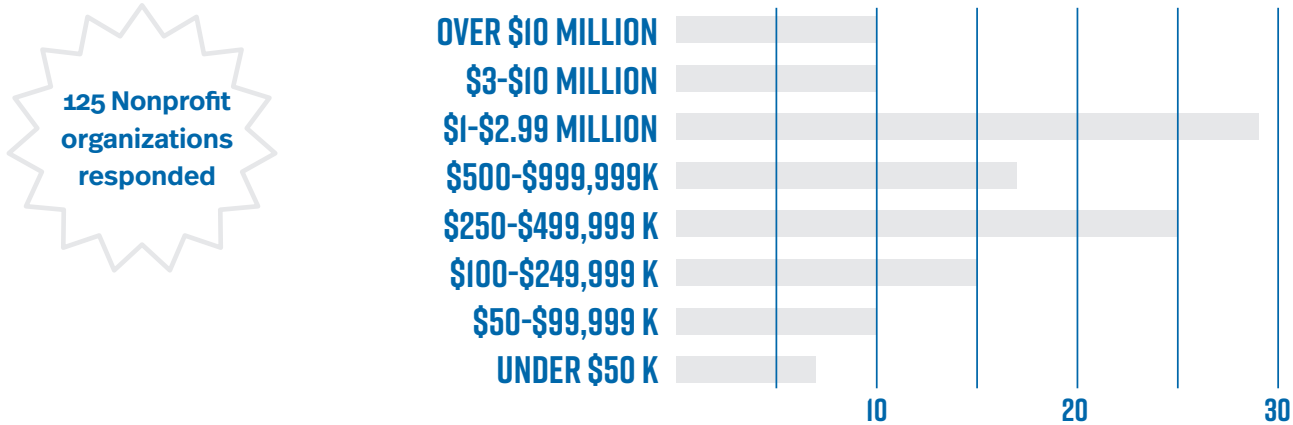
One year later – a look at the 2026 landscape



In February 2025, Foraker surveyed Alaska nonprofits and tribes to better understand the impact of federal funding cuts and policy changes. Our data reflected how intimately connected federal funding is to the programs and services that Alaskans rely on every day, a snapshot of what would be lost if funding were rescinded and the best estimate from organizations at that time on what funds had actually been cut.

We recently conducted a follow-up statewide survey to assess the status of funding cuts and the impact on organizations and leaders as a result of policy changes. We also reviewed information from more than 100 Alaska nonprofits that applied for funding from to the Alaska Community Foundation for financial assistance due to federal cuts. In total, we analyzed data from 125 organizations – diverse both in geography and size of operating budget and mission scope.

Operating budget of responses



The Government - Nonprofit Relationship

Historically



Government partners with nonprofits to deliver essential services



Grants and contracts allow services to be delivered faster and more efficiently

Now



Partnership expectations are unclear



Public funding is increasingly at risk

What happens if cuts continue into 2026?

We found that organizations listing public funding in their **top 3 revenue sources** anticipate these impacts:



Spending down reserves or emergency funds



Cutting programs or services



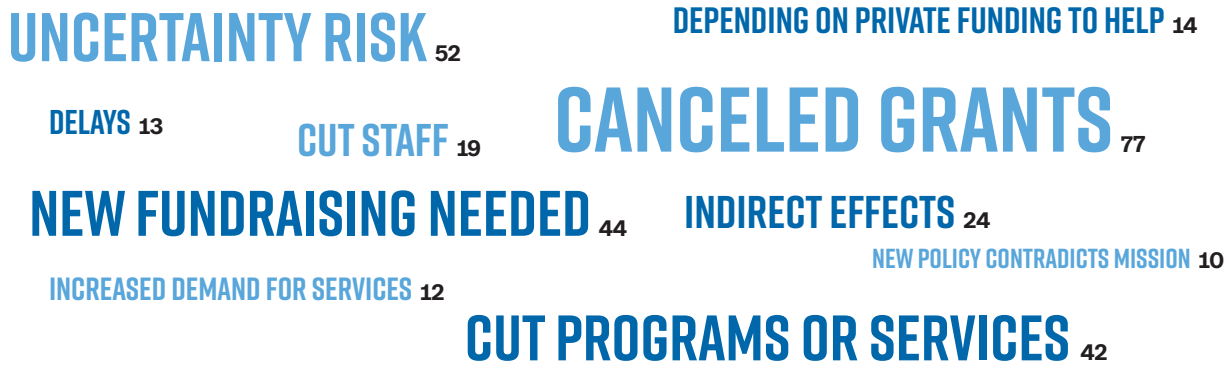
Reducing administrative/operational costs



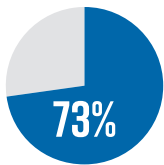
Cutting staff and personnel

All of this amounts to instability for Alaskans

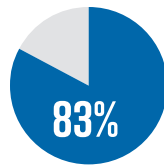
The most common words to describe the current reality for nonprofits:



None of the Foraker survey respondents expect significant revenue growth in 2026



73% of organizations without public funding expect flat or slight increase in revenue.



83% of organizations depending on public funding expect flat or decreasing revenue.

At the same time:



Bottom line:

Nonprofits are being asked to do more, for more people, with less money.

This places the health and well-being of many Alaskans at risk.

Even so ...

Most groups expressed positivity in their organization and the work they do.

Percent Positive (somewhat + strongly agree)



100%

Our work matters
 Belief in mission
 Commitment to mission
 Improves lives



90-99%

Strong partnerships 97%
 People trust our org 97%
 Staff leadership 92%



89-70%

Donor commitment 83%
 Board leadership 76%
 Ability to weather uncertainty 70%



69-46%

People trust the sector 56%
 Strong financial position 46%

