

Broward MPO Intergovernmental Department

Municipal Grants Management Assessment

Broward MPO TAC/CAC

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PURPOSE

This study assessed Broward MPO member governments' ability to apply for and administer **federal discretionary transportation grant awards**, as well as administer and implement **Local Agency Program (LAP) projects**.

Through this survey, Broward MPO was able to gauge the capacity of its municipal partners in order to better assist in the delivery of federally funded projects.

METHODOLOGY

- MPO's Procurement team designed survey questions based on federal regulations and statutory requirements
- Two focus areas:
 - **Federal Grants capabilities**
 - **Local Agency Program (LAP) capabilities**
- Survey invitations were sent to all member governments' city managers via email. Responses received over two-month period from December 2021 through January 2022.

METHODOLOGY

Respondents were divided by population into three groups, utilizing data from the 2020 US census:



METHODOLOGY

Example question: Federal Grants Capabilities

Check off all the data which you have readily available regarding your prospective project(s):

- Up-to-date socioeconomic and demographic data
- Approximate project costs
- Funding commitments (non-federal)
- Environmental Risk/Required Approvals
- Project Schedule
- Benefit / Cost Analysis (Quantitative Benefits)

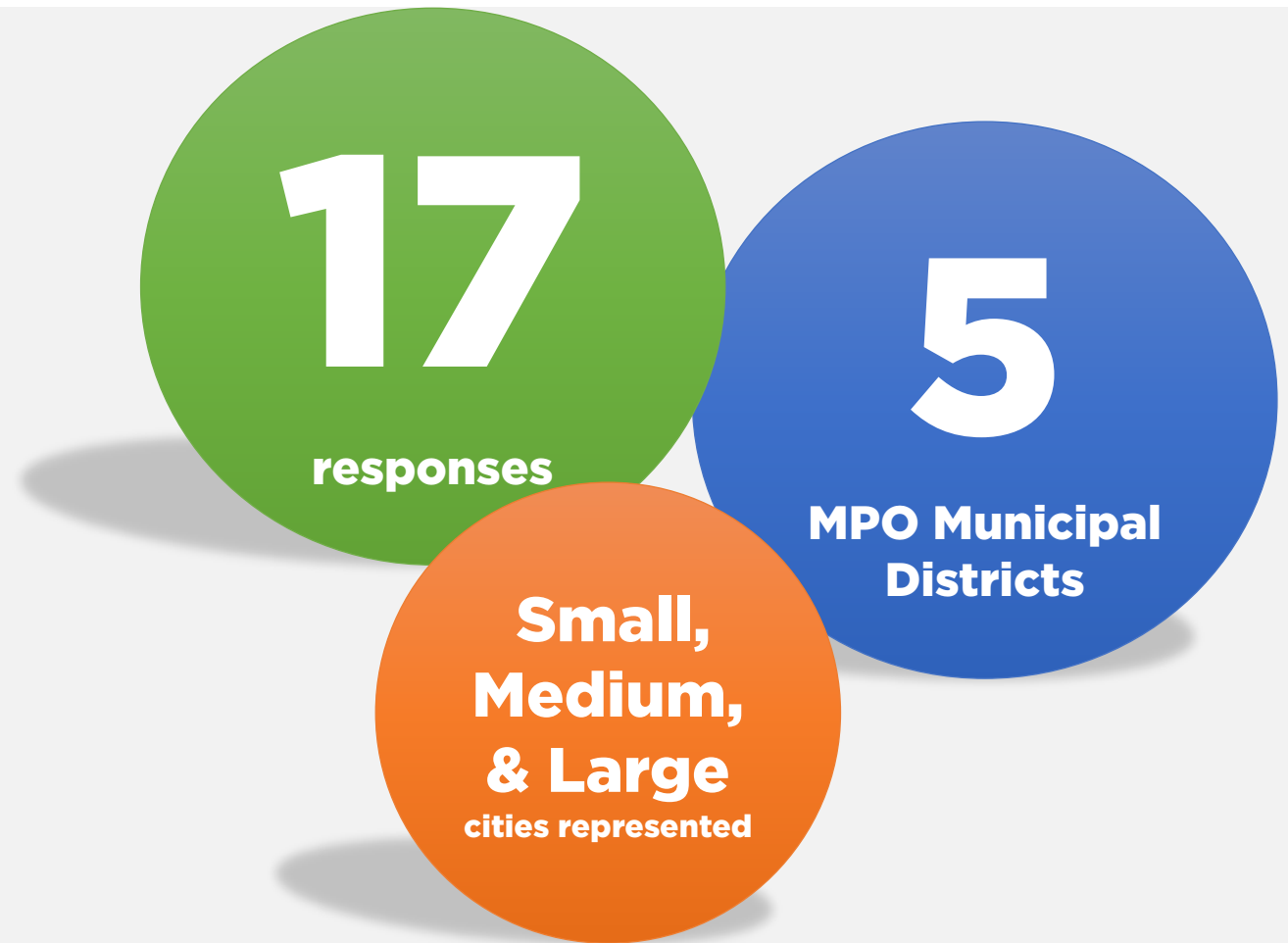
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Example question: Local Agency Program (LAP) Capabilities

Is the Member Government experienced in Disadvantaged Business Enterprise tracking, and compliance with minimum wage rate decisions and payroll verification?

RESULTS & ANALYSIS

- Of the 31 member governments, **17 unique responses** were received.
- All five Broward MPO municipal districts were represented in the survey responses, as well as a satisfactory distribution of small, medium, and large cities.



RESULTS & ANALYSIS

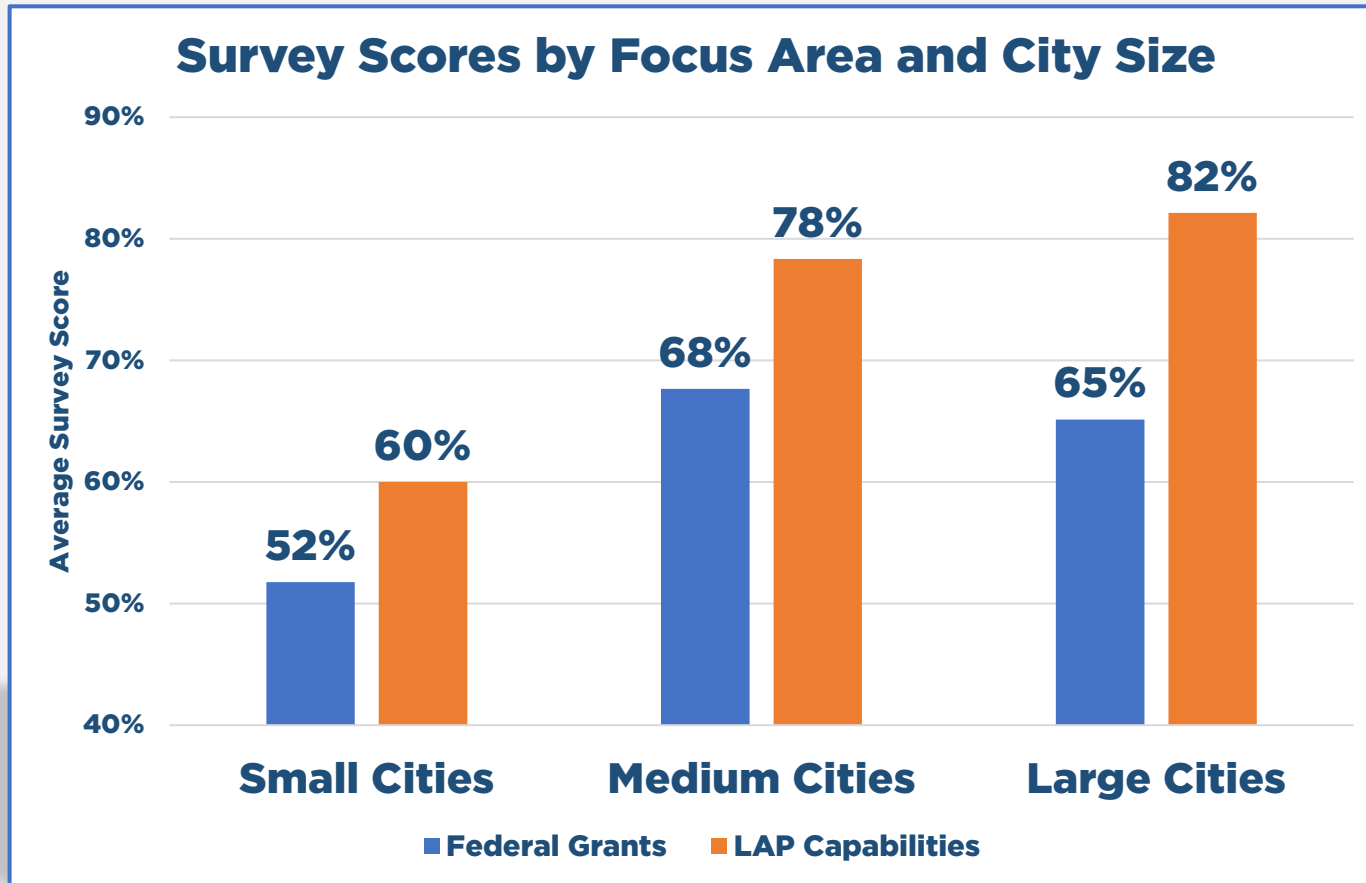
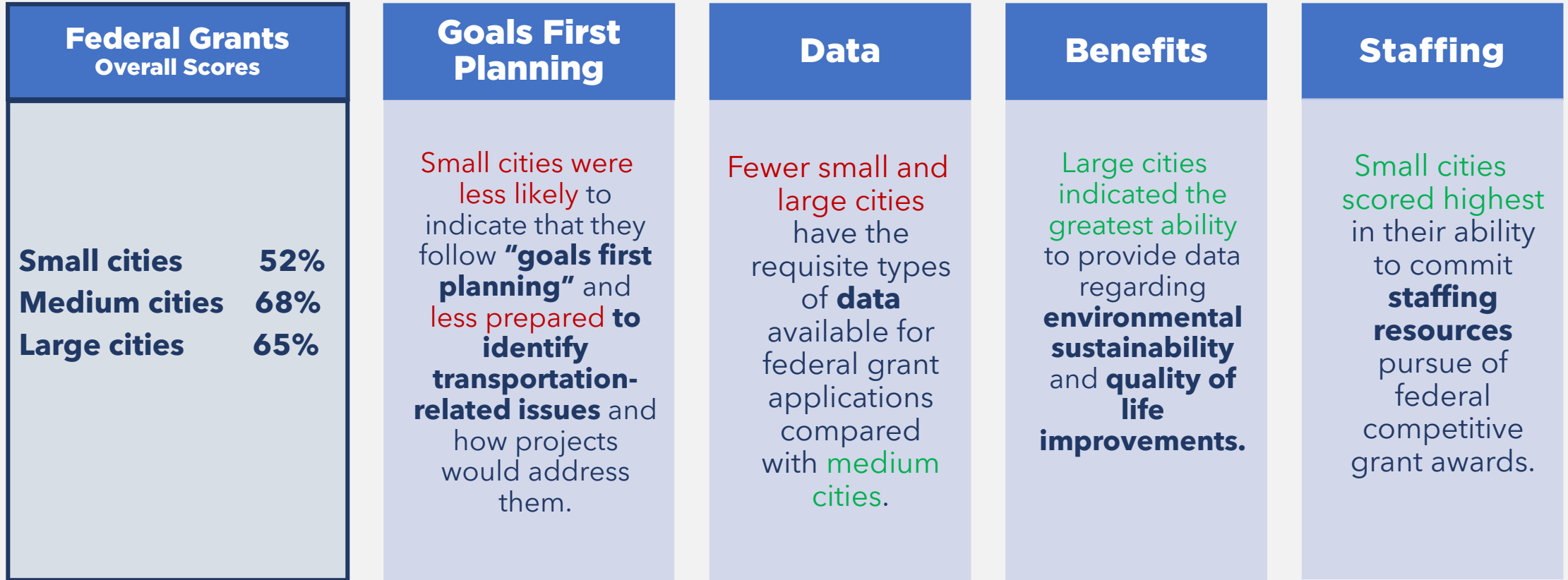


Table 1 Average focus area scores for each population group is shown. A score is calculated by dividing the number of affirmative responses by the total number of questions in each focus area. A score of 100% would indicate full capability in the respective focus area.

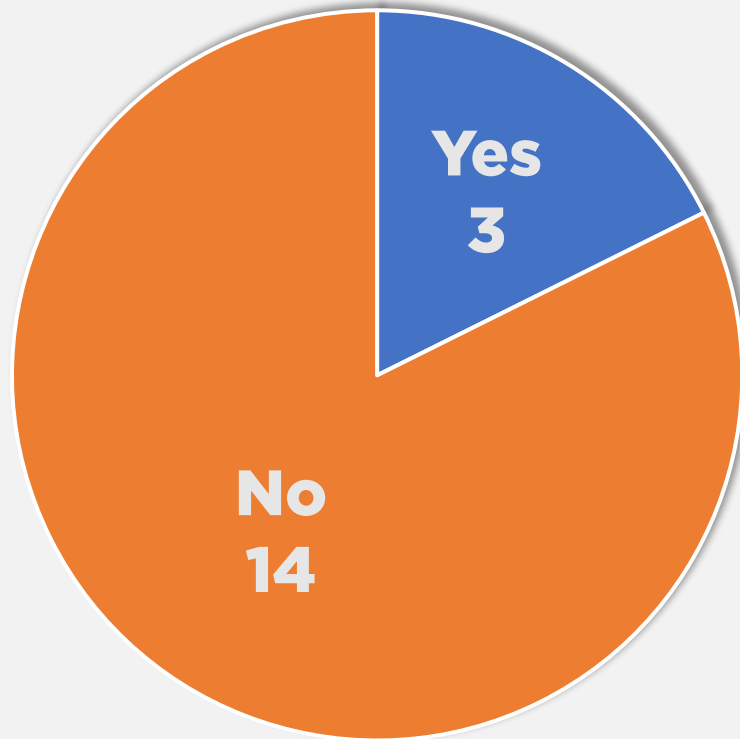
RESULTS & ANALYSIS - Federal Grants



See table 4.1 in full report for complete results by city size.

RESULTS & ANALYSIS - LAP Capabilities

Currently LAP Certified?



Of the 17 respondent cities, **only 3 indicated that they are currently LAP certified**, with each of their LAP certifications expiring in 2023.

RESULTS & ANALYSIS – LAP Capabilities

LAP Capabilities Overall Scores	Planning Requirements	Design	Equity and Wage Regulations	Responsible Charge	Project Delivery
<p>Small cities 60%</p> <p>Medium cities 78%</p> <p>Large cities 82%</p>	<p>Only 60% of responding small cities indicated that staff possessed adequate “knowledge of the federal and state requirements for transportation planning processes”, compared to 100% of medium cities, and 83% of large cities.</p>	<p>Large cities and medium sized cities were more likely to indicate that staff held experience in design and construction oversight of federal infrastructure projects.</p>	<p>Less than half of small cities indicated that they have experience in DBE tracking and compliance with minimum wage rate decisions and payroll verification, versus a majority of medium and large cities who did.</p>	<p>Larger cities were most likely to indicate adequate capacity to dedicate a full-time employee as the “responsible charge,” a requirement of the Federal Highway Administration.</p>	<p>Finally, small cities indicated less ability than their larger peers to commit to LAP project delivery, with lesser capacity to collaborate FDOT, and lesser ability to comply “with the LAP Manual and other federal and state requirements.”</p>

See table 4.2 in full report for complete results by city size.

CONCLUSIONS

- This study indicates deficiencies across member governments in their ability to apply for and administer federal grants and LAP projects.
- No single city indicated that they could provide 100% of the required capabilities in either focus area. Moreover, only three member governments indicated that they are currently LAP certified.
- The results show lesser capacity among smaller cities versus medium and large cities in both the federal grants focus area and the LAP focus area.
- **Yet what these results show above all is an incomplete ability across cities of all sizes to fully implement complex federally funded projects.**

Notes

- ✓ A copy of your city's survey submission was sent to your city managers via email along with a copy of the full report.
- ✓ The full report has been anonymized and is in the agenda backup.
- ✓ This study was for research purposes only and has no effect on the ranking or scoring of any MPO competitive programs.

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Questions?

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