

# Together. Building a Thriving Fort Bend.

Through grants to local nonprofits and scholarship opportunities for aspiring local students, The George Foundation strives to make a positive impact on the lives of our neighbors.

# Welcome & Introductions



INTRODUCTIONS



GOALS



INSTRUCTIONS FOR Q&A

# Context & Purpose



Continue to evolve with Fort Bend to achieve greatest impact

\$100+ million in charitable distributions over next 5 Years

6-month process involving needs assessment, grantees, trustees and other stakeholders

# Mission

To partner with the community to leverage the Foundation's resources to positively impact Fort Bend County and its residents.

# 2019-2024 by the Numbers

840

LOIs & Grant Requests

410

Approved Grants

74

New Grantees

\$74.6 million

Total Awarded

# 2019-2024 Unwelcomed Surprises

- COVID-19
- Winter Storm Uri
- Hurricane Beryl
- Skyrocketing Inflation



# TGF's Commitment to You

**Responsive**

**Open Communication**

**Collaborative**

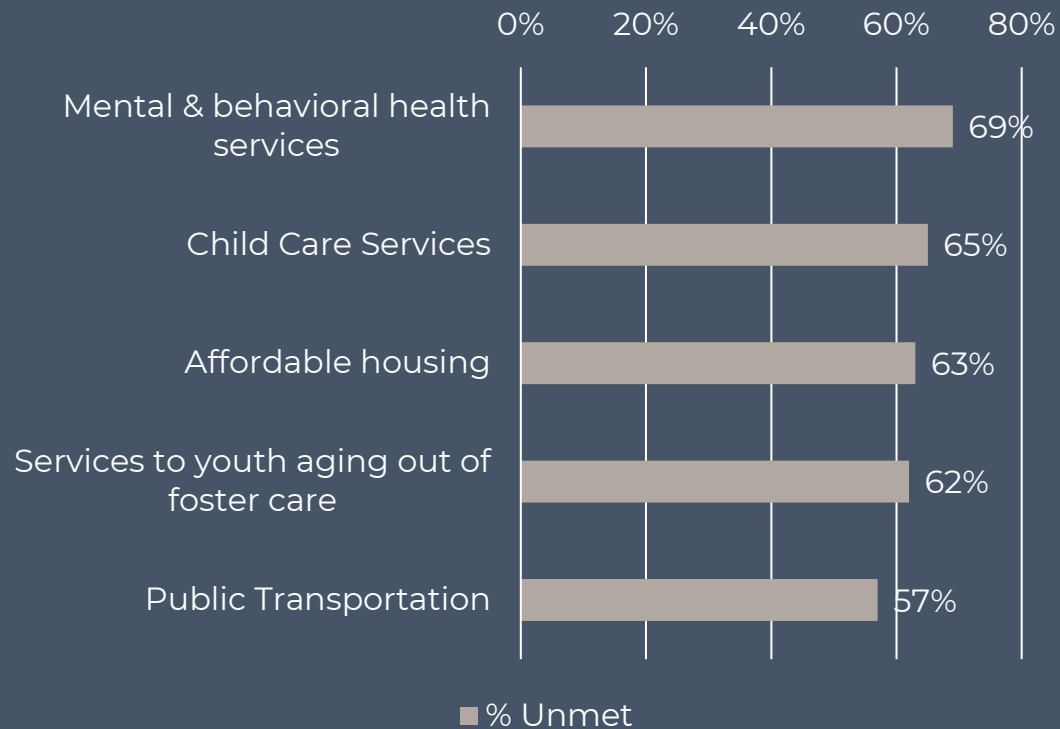
**Beyond the Grant**



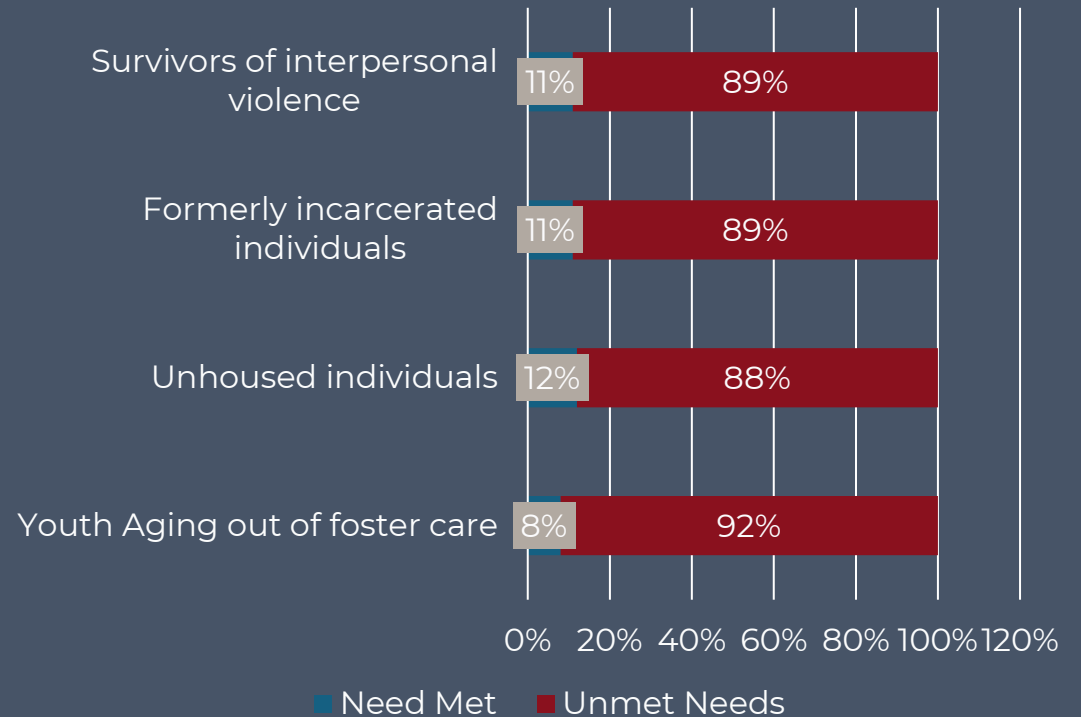


# Community Needs Assessment

## Top Community Needs Identified by Nonprofits



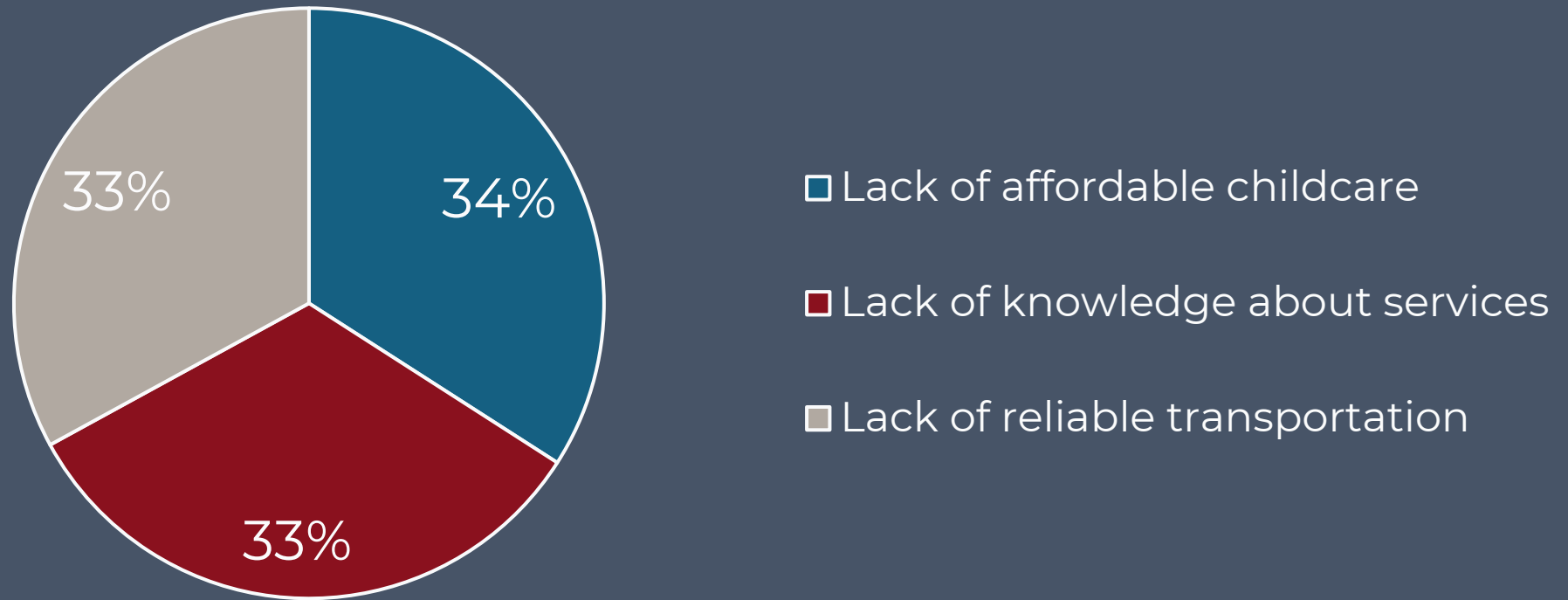
## Gaps in Meeting Needs of Special Populations





# Barriers to Accessing Services

% of residents



# Call for **STRONGER** Nonprofit Collaboration

91%

Formal partnerships

95%

Informal collaborations

**53%** want more support  
for collaboration!

## Key Barriers to Collaboration

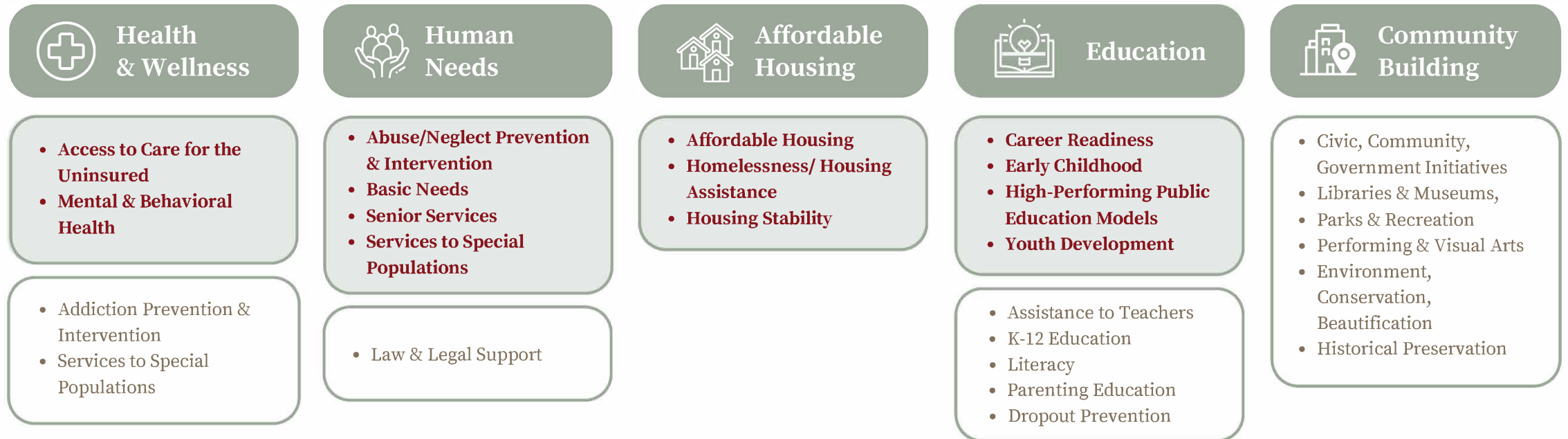
No centralized  
nonprofit network

Leading to:

- Redundancy
- Silos
- Missed connections

# The George Foundation Grantmaking Framework

## Grantmaking Pillars



\*Red Bold indicates priority funding areas

## Special Programs & Capacity Building

Youth In Philanthropy

Scholarships

Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership

Collaborative Initiatives

## Key Themes

- Allocate 80% of funds to priority funding areas
- Maintain responsive grantmaking
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- Prioritize systemic impact in education over individual/classroom initiatives

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## Health & Wellness

**Foster healthier families in Fort Bend County by enhancing access to care, addressing systemic barriers, supporting preventive measures, and increasing health resources.**

### *Priority Funding Areas*

- **Access to Care for the Uninsured**
- **Mental & Behavioral Health**

### *Other Funding Areas*

- **Addiction, Prevention & Intervention**
- **Services to Special Populations**



## Human Needs

**Increase the percentage of Fort Bend County Families that are "thriving".**

### *Priority Funding Areas*

- **Abuse/Neglect Prevention & Intervention**
- **Basic Needs**
- **Senior Services**
- **Services to Special Populations**

### *Other Funding Areas*

- **Law & Legal Support**



# Affordable Housing

**Deliver 300 affordable housing units, completing at least 200 by Year 5, through direct investment and collaboration.**

## *Priority Funding Areas*

- **Affordable Housing**
- **Homelessness/Housing Assistance**
- **Housing Stability**







# Education

**Partner with districts and education providers to improve student outcomes in key success metrics.**

## *Priority Funding Areas*

- **Career Readiness**
- **Early Childhood**
- **High-Performing Public Education Models**
- **Youth Development**

## *Other Funding Areas*

- Assistance to Teachers
- K-12 Education
- Literacy
- Parenting Education
- Dropout Prevention



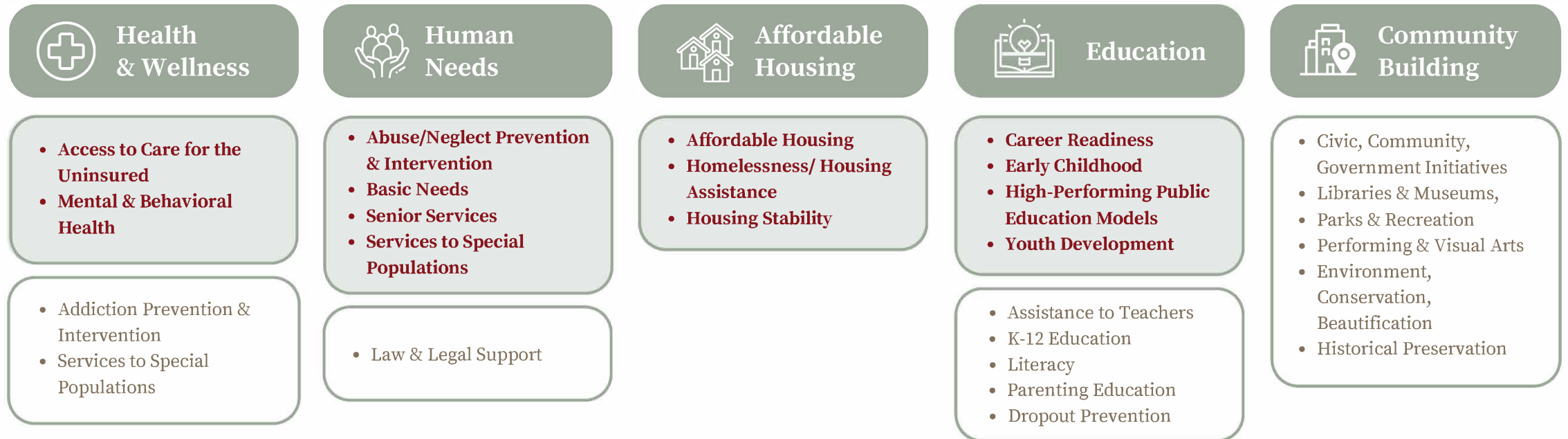
# Community Building

## *Other Funding Areas*

- Civic, Community, Government Initiatives
- Libraries & Museums
- Parks & Recreation
- Performing and Visual Arts
- Environment, Conservation, Beautification
- Historical Preservation

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# Special Programs



Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership (ENL)



Capacity Building



Youth In Philanthropy (YIP)



The George Foundation Scholarship Program

# Excellence for Nonprofit Leadership

- 8-session course to enhance the knowledge and skill set for nonprofit leaders
- Designed for senior staff, board members, and community leaders
- Boost your organizations capacity and performance
- Build peer network of professionals working toward a common goal of service



# ENL Primary Topics

Opening  
Retreat: Good  
to Great

Governance &  
Leadership

Strategic  
Planning

Organizational  
Assessment

Human Capital

Nonprofit  
Finance 101

Fund  
Development  
& Operations

Best Practices

*Applications for the 2025-2026 Program are open.  
Check chat for link.*

# CAPACITY BUILDING



NONPROFIT HUMAN  
RESOURCE SERIES



FUND DEVELOPMENT  
FOR SUSTAINABILITY



STRATEGIC PLANNING  
WORKSHOP



# YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

To develop the leaders of tomorrow by energizing students to serve their community today.





# Youth in Philanthropy

- Six Month Program for Juniors & Seniors in Fort Bend County
- 5 Districts, 25 High Schools
- 180 Students, 11 Teams
- 44 Unique nonprofit experiences

Save the Date:  
Nonprofit Information Session  
Thursday, June 26, 8:30 AM







# Questions?

# Book Time with the Grants Team



# Thank you!

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