

Missoula Community Needs Assessment

Missoula City-County
Grants & Community Programs
January 14, 2016



Agenda

- Welcome and agenda review
- Results of online needs assessment
- Group work
- Group reports
 - Housing
 - Economic Development
 - Public Improvement/Facilities
 - Public Services
- Conclusion and wrap-up

HOME & CDBG Application Workshop

Friday, January 15, 2016

9:00 to 11:00 AM

Grants & Community Programs

223 West Alder

Intents & Purposes of Meeting

- A community needs assessment:
 - helps us identify and define our needs, strengths and assets
 - is the first step in determining how to effectively utilize HOME and CDBG resources
 - is done as part of the Consolidated Planning and Annual Action Plan processes
 - ensures that community development projects reflect what the community wants and needs
 - becomes part of the public record
 - **Your job here is important.**

Community Needs Assessment

Online Survey Results

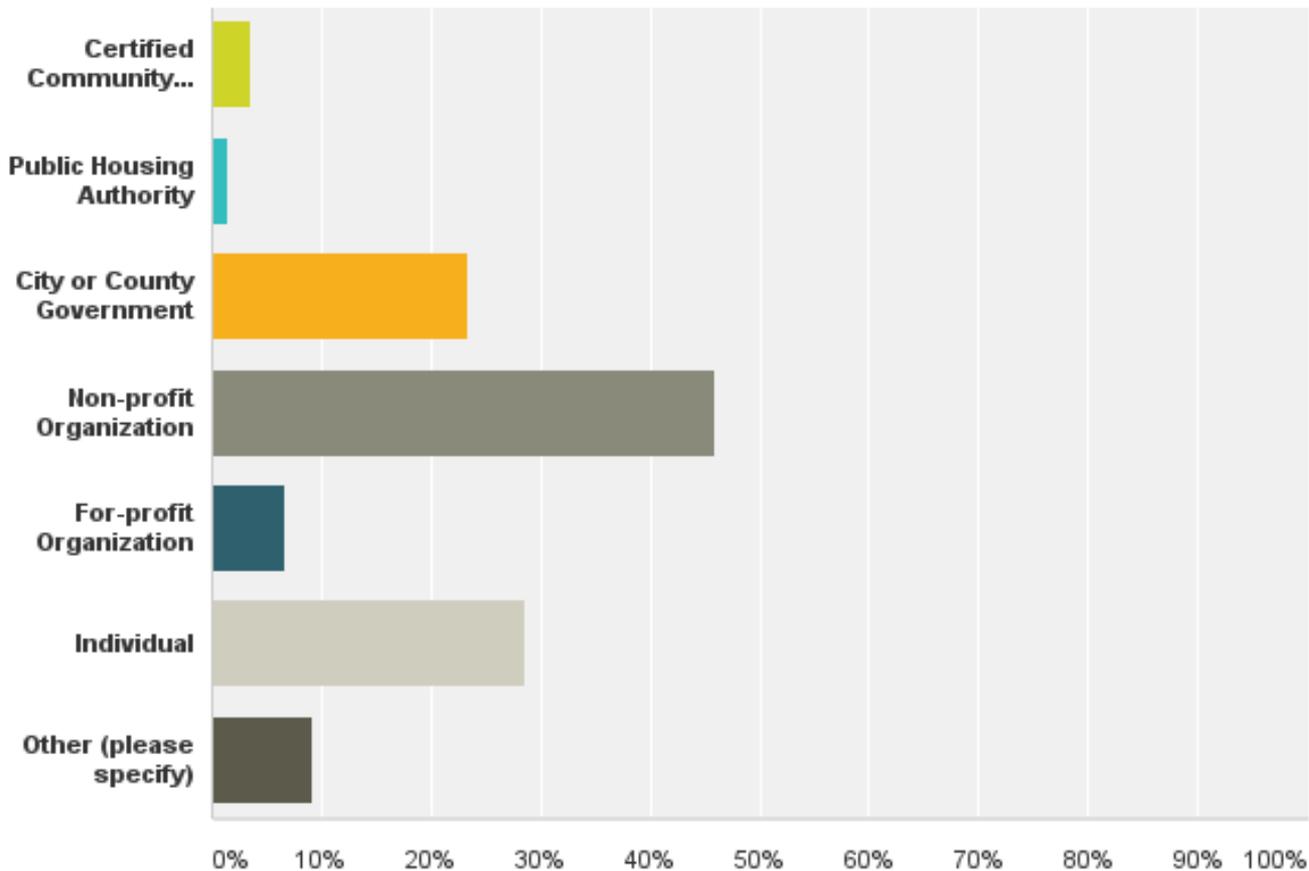
Online Community Needs Assessment



- Online survey was available from Dec 10 to Jan 5
- 197 responses
- 55% response rate
- Average response rate for email surveys = 24.8%
- Methodology was not scientific

Q1 Which of the following categories apply to you or your organization (check all that apply):

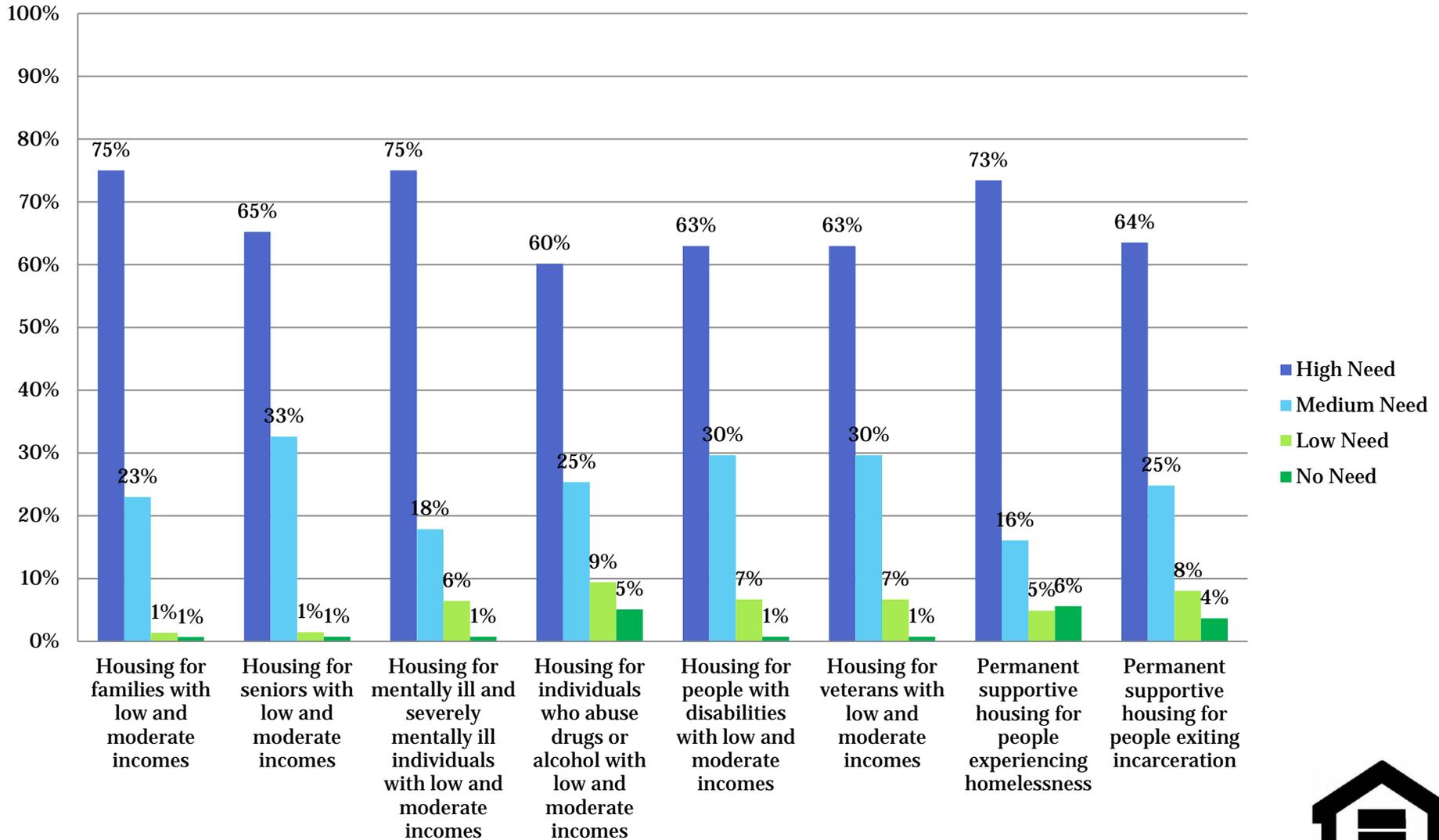
Answered: 196 Skipped: 1



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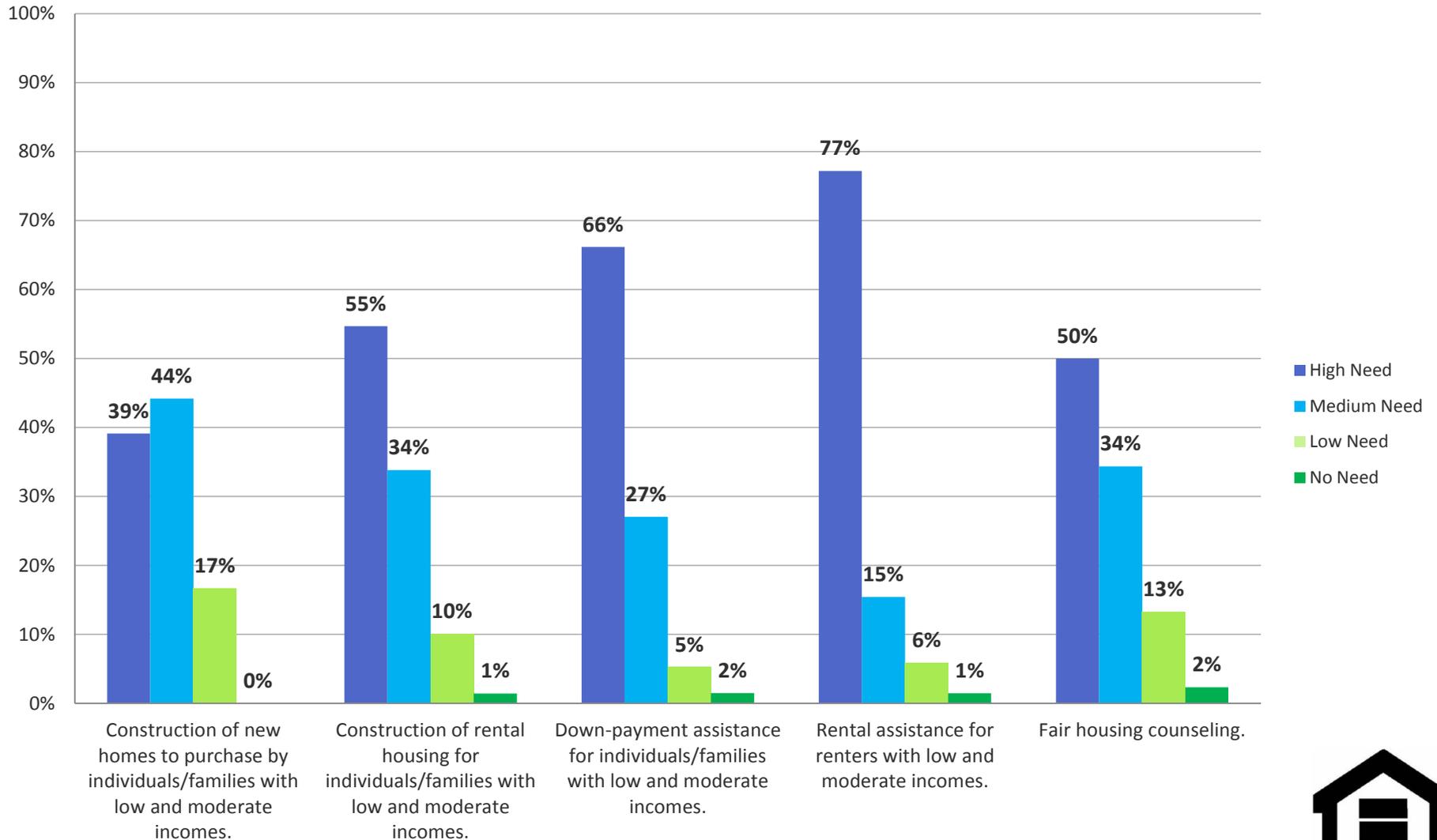
Housing Needs for Specific Populations in Missoula (149 Responses)



Other Housing Needs for Specific Populations in Missoula

- “Improved access for ‘High Risk’ tenants with poor credit and/or rental history.”
- “Home ownership opportunities for median earners.”
- “Workforce housing for all household compositions.”
- “Rapid Re-housing resources available to people with low incomes.”
- “Housing for single people that have an income but not enough to afford housing– not even an apartment.”
- “Dedicated housing for people living with HIV/AIDS.”

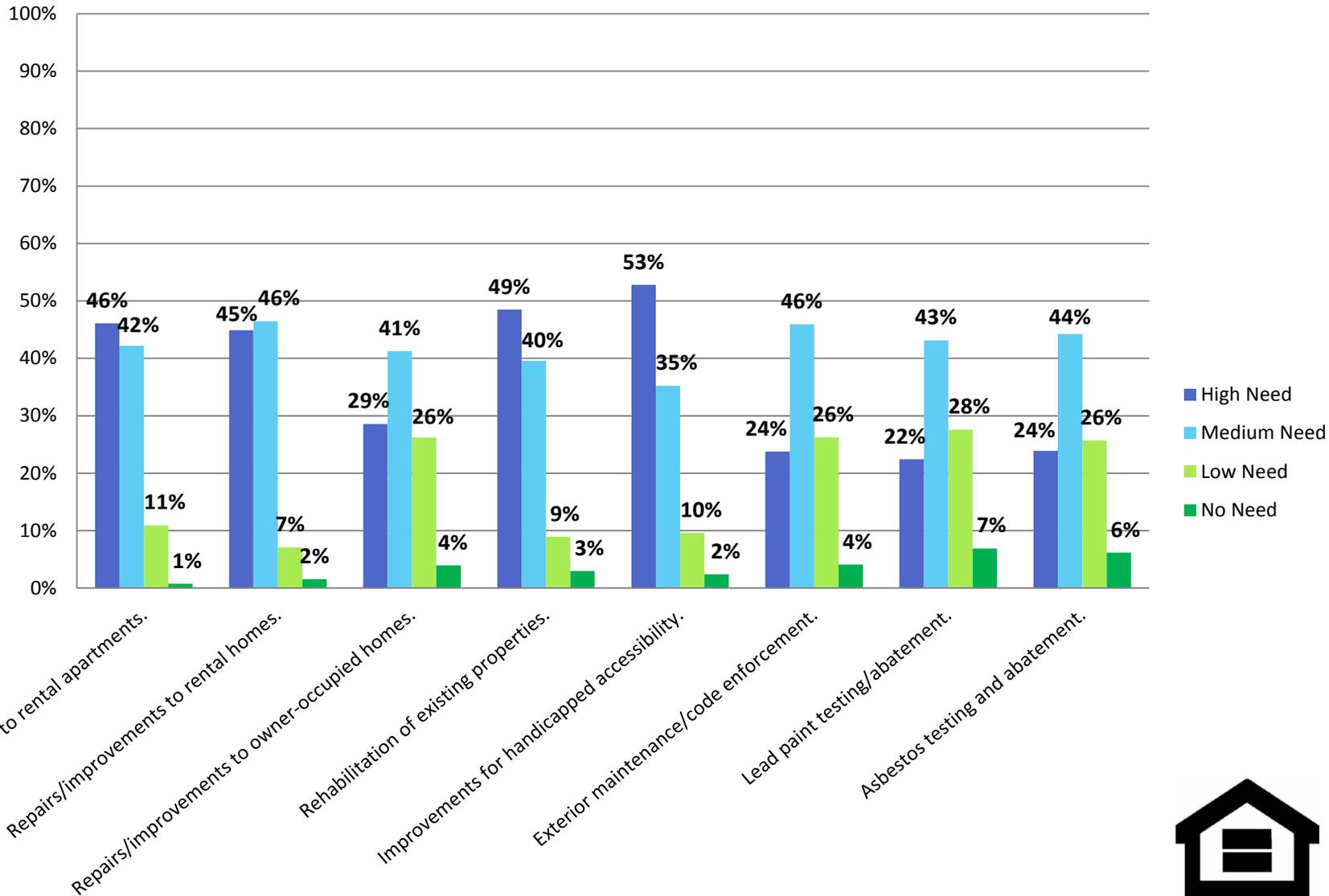
Specific Types of Housing Needed in Missoula (142 Responses)



Other Specific Types of Housing Needed

- “Group housing, cohousing” and “high density housing for at-risk populations.” n=2
- Education for buyers and renters, as well as assistance throughout the process. n=2
- “Energy efficient homes built and maintained with healthy materials and indoor air quality placed near transportation and other services.”
- “Transitional housing for adults with adult children and no minors.”
- “More rentals at HUD [Fair Market Rents] rental rates. Especially one-bedrooms.”
- “Manufactured housing, infrastructure improvements to existing mobile home courts.”
- “Fair housing/rent control for university students is a high need.”

Housing Repairs/Improvements Needed in Missoula (136 Responses)



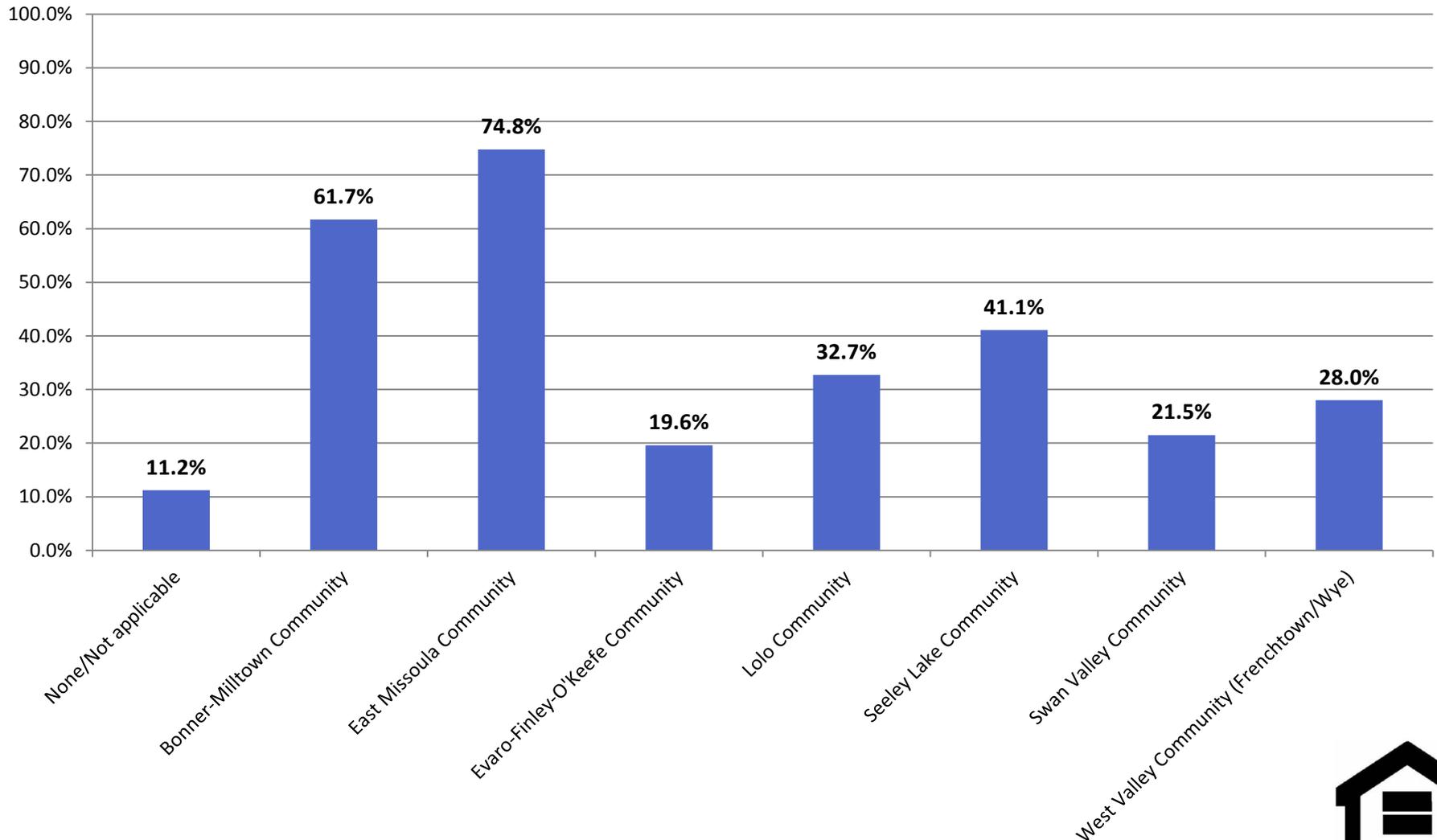
Other Housing/Repairs Needed

- Properties (esp. rentals) need to be up to code and improved (n=4)
 - For plumbing and electrical
 - Enforcement of private-ownership rental improvements
 - Rentals inspected for safety and code compliance (even every five years)

Other Housing/Repairs Needed

- Energy efficiency audits and upgrades (n=2)
- Mobile home/trailer park improvements (n=2)
- Weatherization and climate change vulnerability assessment (n=2)
- Sustainable and healthy building materials
- City offer a radon mitigation credit
- Sidewalks in low-income neighborhoods

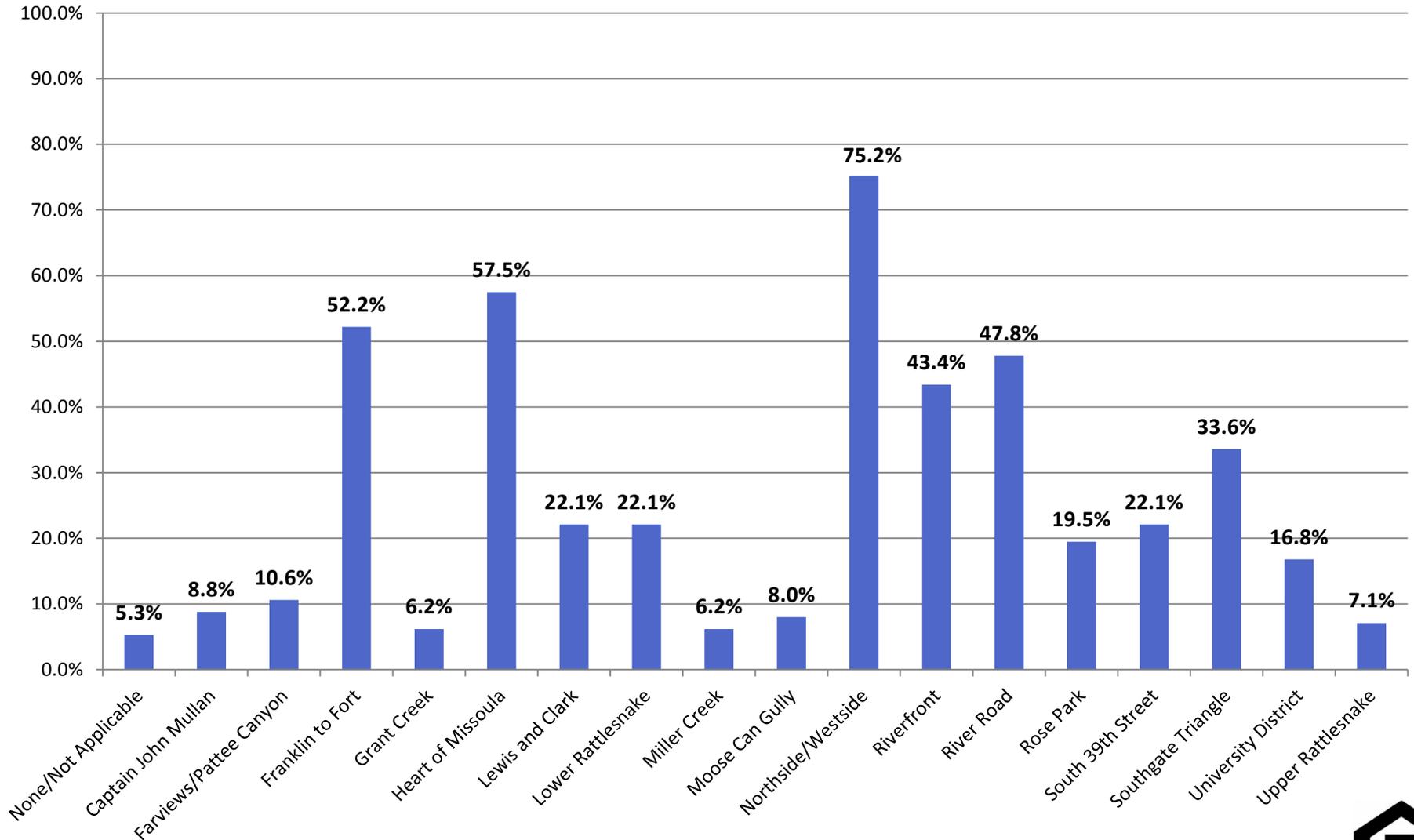
Missoula County areas where housing for specific populations, new construction or repairs/improvements are needed (107 Responses)



Other Missoula County Areas/Projects

- Target Range
- DeSmet Area
- Seeley Lake
 - Improving houses on farmland so owners won't feel forced to sell to developers
- East Missoula, Seeley Lake, Swan Valley
 - Affordable senior housing

Missoula City neighborhood(s) where housing for specific populations, new construction or repairs/improvements are needed (113 Responses)



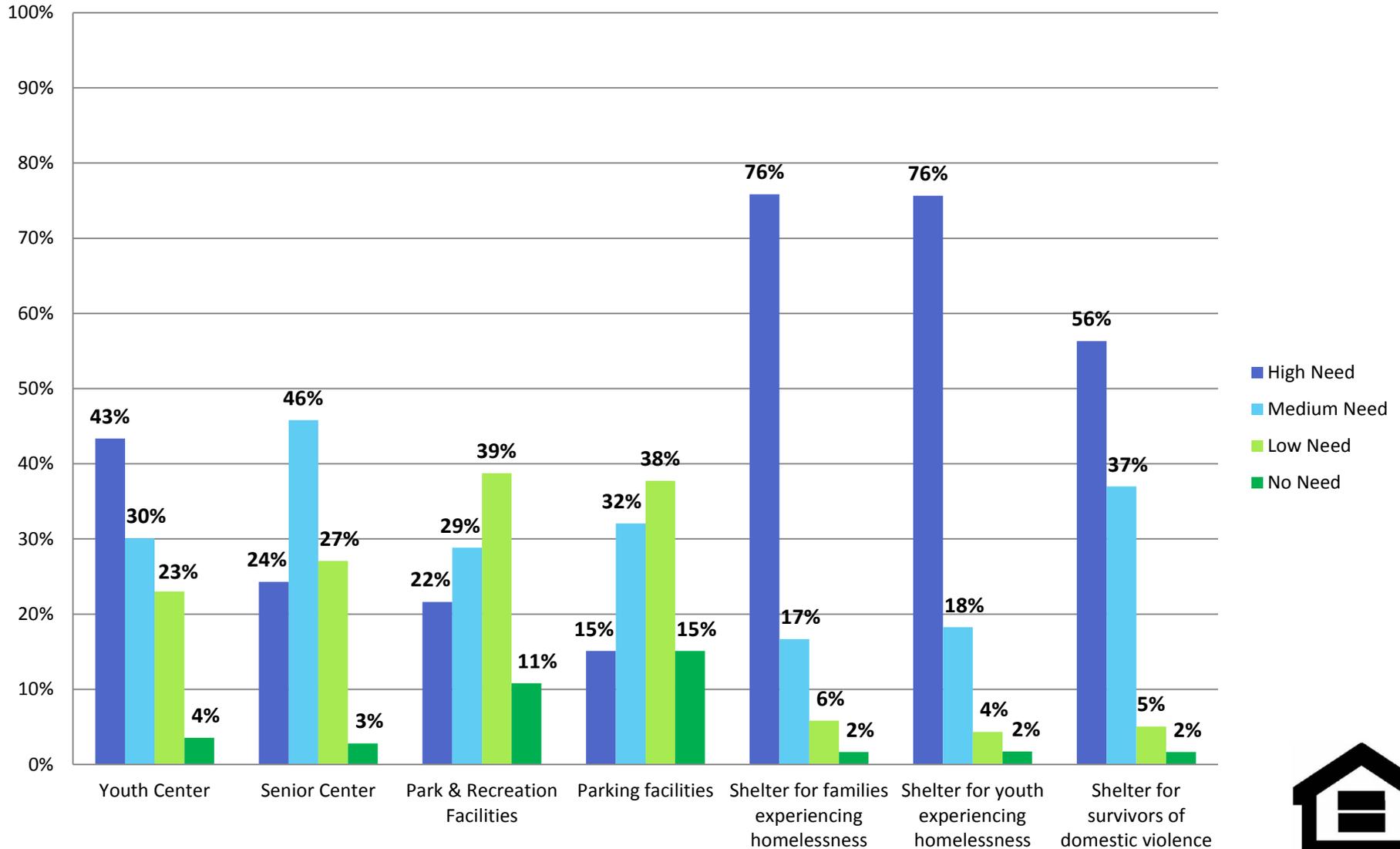
Other Missoula City Areas

- Repair to rentals in downtown area near Kiwanis Park, Front St, Spruce St, Heart of Missoula (n=4)
- Northside/Westside design standards, housing, and property improvements (n=3)
- Accessible/affordable housing and improvements/repairs near bus stops and grocery stores (n=2)
- Improvements to mobile home courts and access to community amenities (n=2)
- Affordable housing, sidewalk repair, and repairs to existing rentals in Heart of Missoula, Northside/Westside, River Road

Other Missoula City Areas/Projects

- Blighted motels and apartment buildings in Broadway Corridor and Franklin to Fort
- Community Land Trust housing
- Code enforcement, clean up, and rebuild of rental and unmaintained properties in:
 - Franklin to Fort, Northside/Westside, Riverfront, River Road, Southgate Triangle
- Sidewalks and street lighting along 3rd St
- Workforce housing:
 - McCormick Park/Millsite, downtown, all Urban Renewal Districts
- South Hills, 55th, Ebb Way

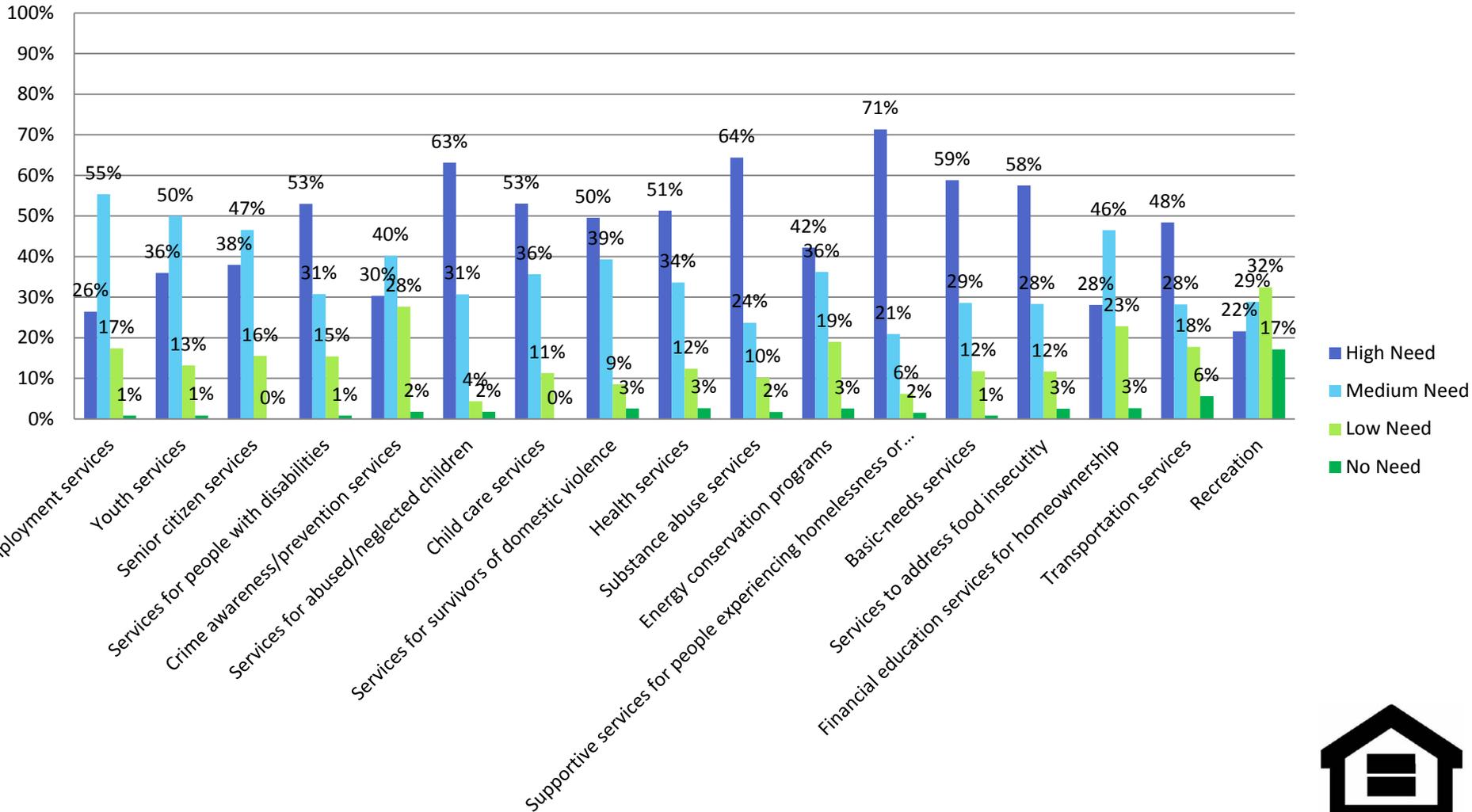
Public Facility Needs (130 Responses)



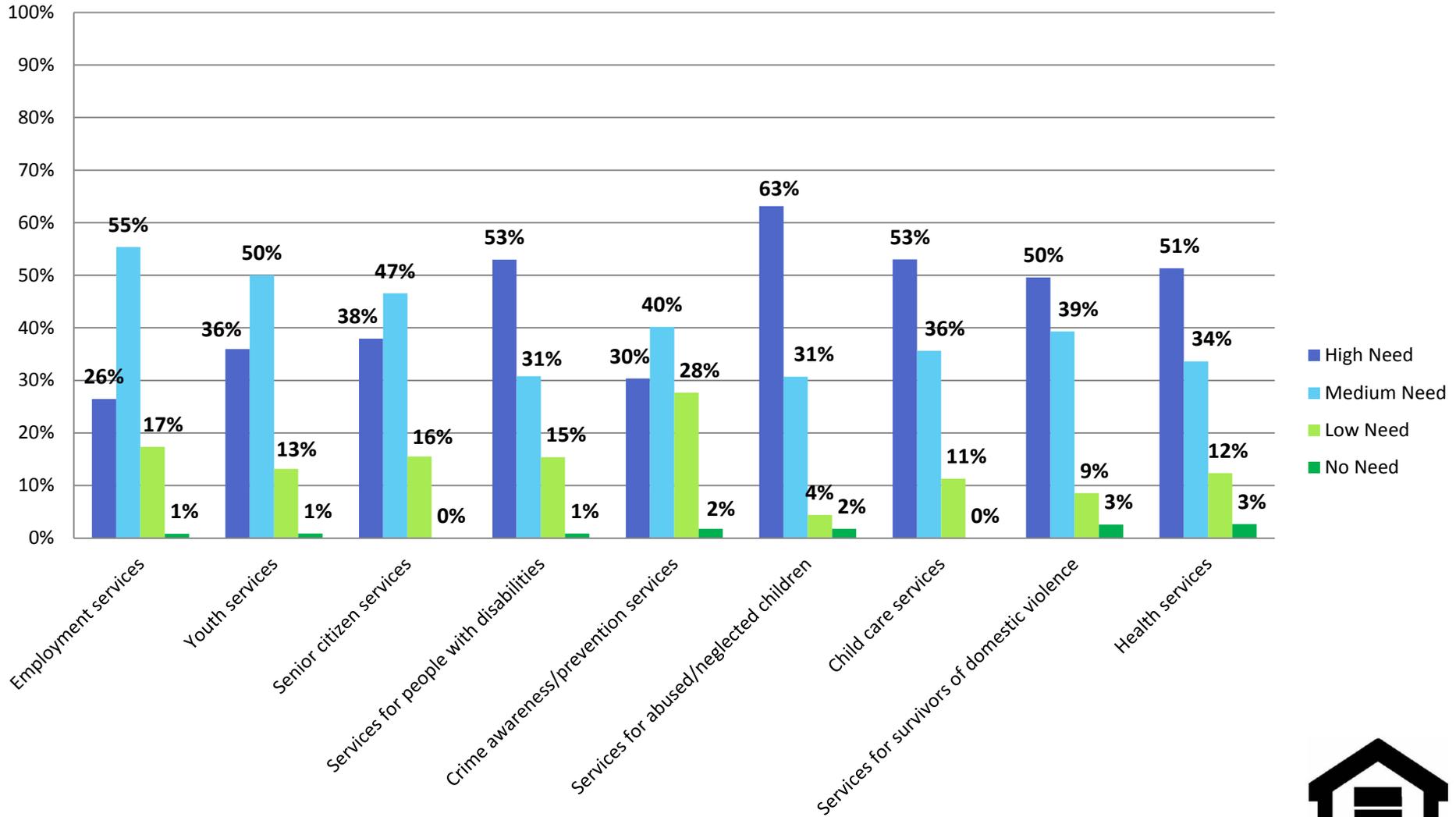
Public Improvement/Facilities Needs (29 Responses)

- Shelters/housing for people experiencing homelessness (n=5)
 - For families (n=3)
 - People under the influence (wet housing) (n=2)
- Community centers (n=4)
 - Multigenerational (n=2)
 - With air filtration systems for smoke and heat events in summer (n=1)
- River Road Park and Recreation facilities (n=3)
- Transitional Housing/Supervised Housing/Assisted living (n=3)
 - For ages 18-23
 - Near hospitals and in all of Missoula and East Missoula
 - Combined teen supervised housing and senior assisted living near high schools

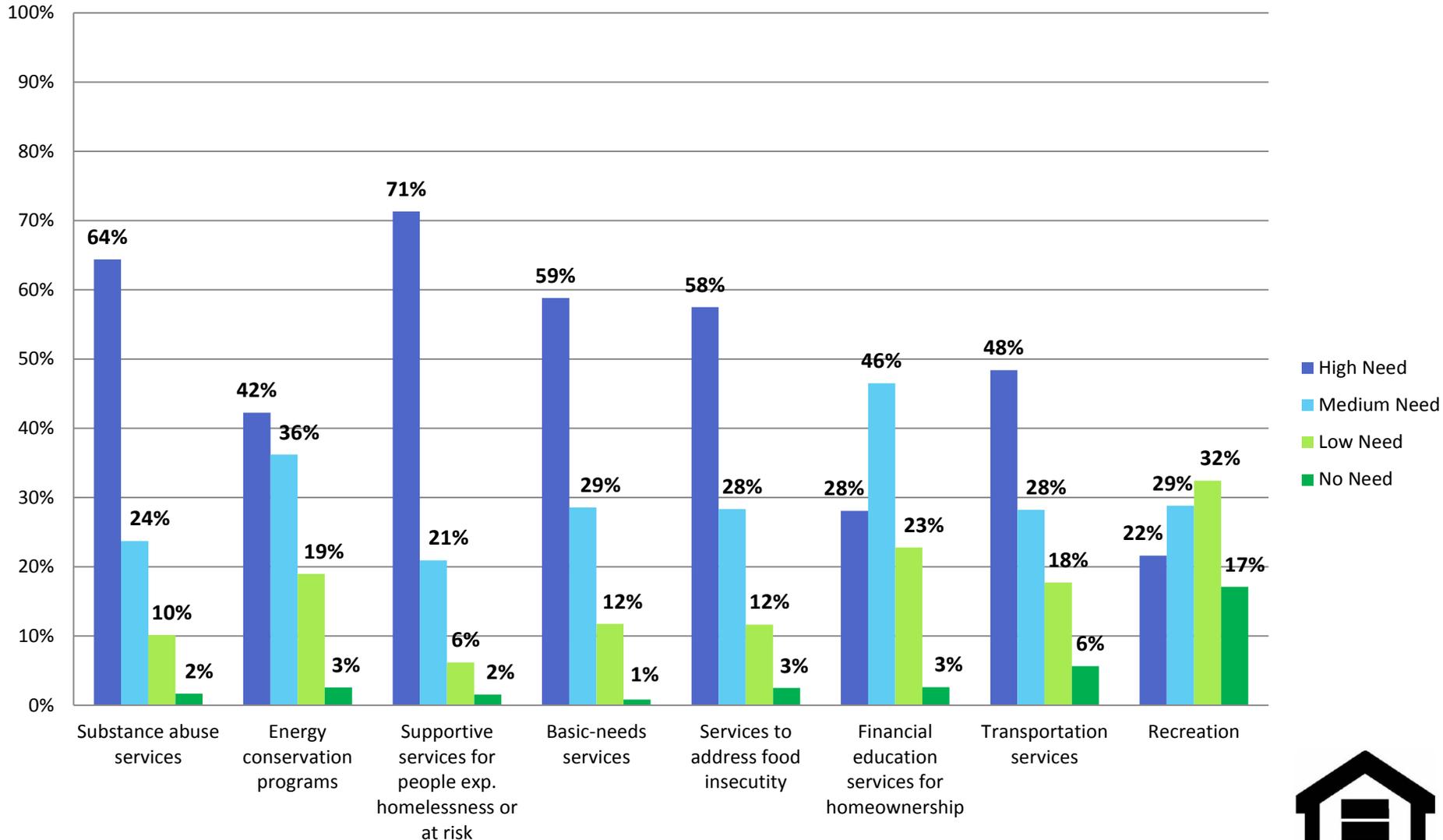
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Public Service Needs (continued) (139 Responses)



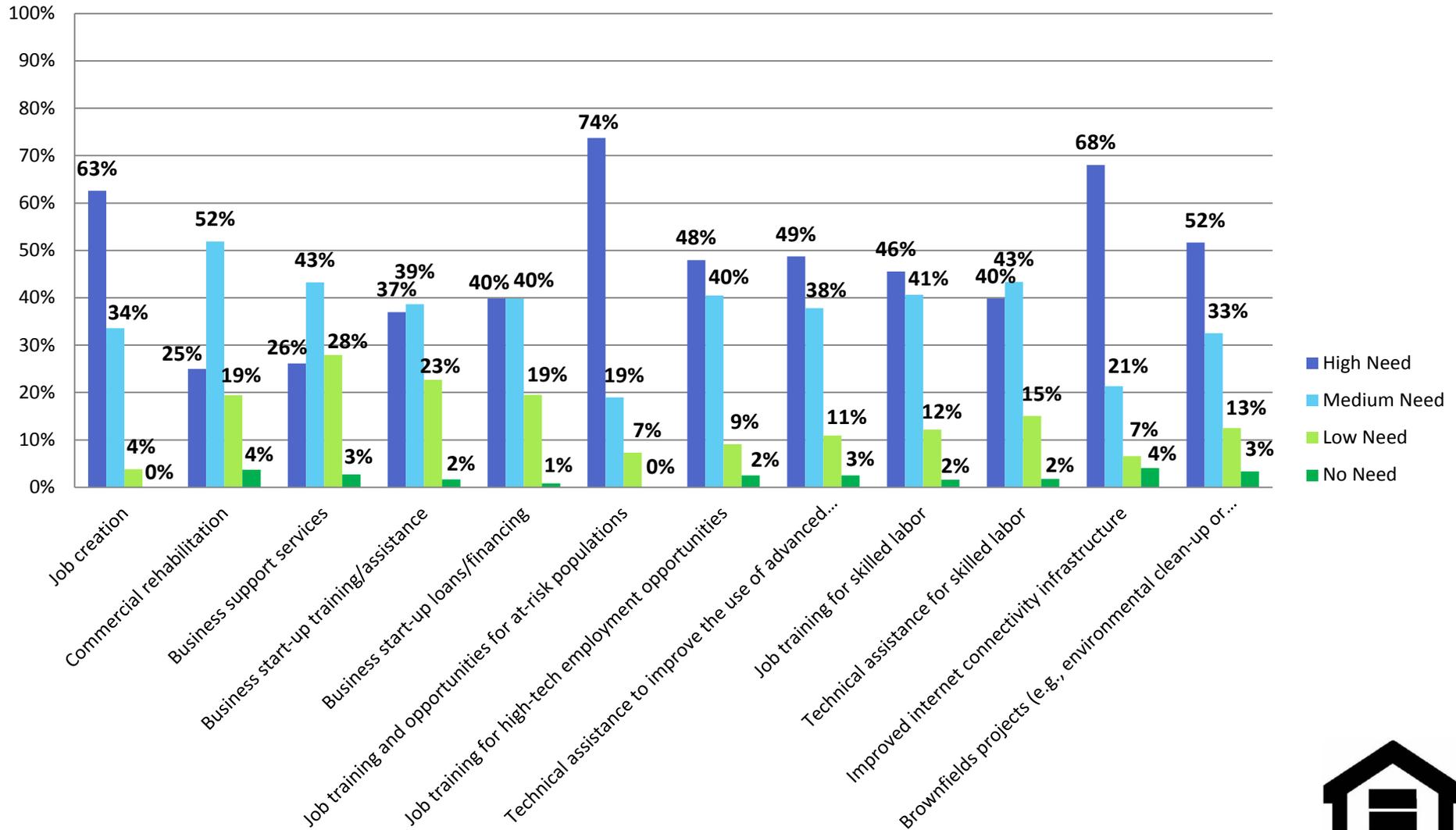
Other Public Service Needs (14 responses)

- **Bus/transportation routes and hours expanded (n=4)**
- **Community mental health/behavioral health services (n=2)**
- **Financial and rental counseling/education (n=2)**
- **Others: sustainability services and support groups for people with HIV**

Specific Public Service Needs

- **Transportation services (n=10)**
 - Expanded bus/public transportation routes, including service to Seeley Lake, beyond Lolo and Mullan Road, more route configurations (n=4)
 - Expanded bus/public transportation hours (n=3)
- **Supportive services for people experiencing homelessness (n=10)**
 - For people currently unable to access services/housing (i.e. wet housing, services for people who have been convicted of crimes) (n=4)
- **Energy Conservation Programs (n=6)**
 - Renewable energy revolving loan fund
 - Community solar pilot project
 - Public organic waste composting collection

Economic Development Needs (146 Responses)



THANK YOU!

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