



**THE STATE
OF ESSEX COUNTY**

**BUILDING FOR
THE FUTURE**



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**Rising prices and SNAP cuts deepen
Massachusetts hunger crisis, new study finds**

**The government was once a steady partner for
nonprofits. That's changing.**

**Fear of mass deportations
pose new challenges for
educators across the
country**

**Federal cuts may cost millions for
Mass. mental health and addiction
treatment providers**

**'From something that was terrible' to amazing:
Foundations step up as federal government cancels
grants**

**Mass. arts organizations upended as
NEA claws back promised funds**

**Local scientists, fisheries and weather
forecasters feeling impact of NOAA
cuts**

**THE OPEN DOOR REPORTS "DRAMATIC RISE" IN
FOOD PANTRY VISITS, FOLLOWING STATEWIDE
TREND**

**WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER
TOGETHER?**

OUR MISSION

Essex County Community Foundation stands with our community, sparking generosity and collaboration to address our greatest needs and unlock opportunities for all – today and tomorrow.

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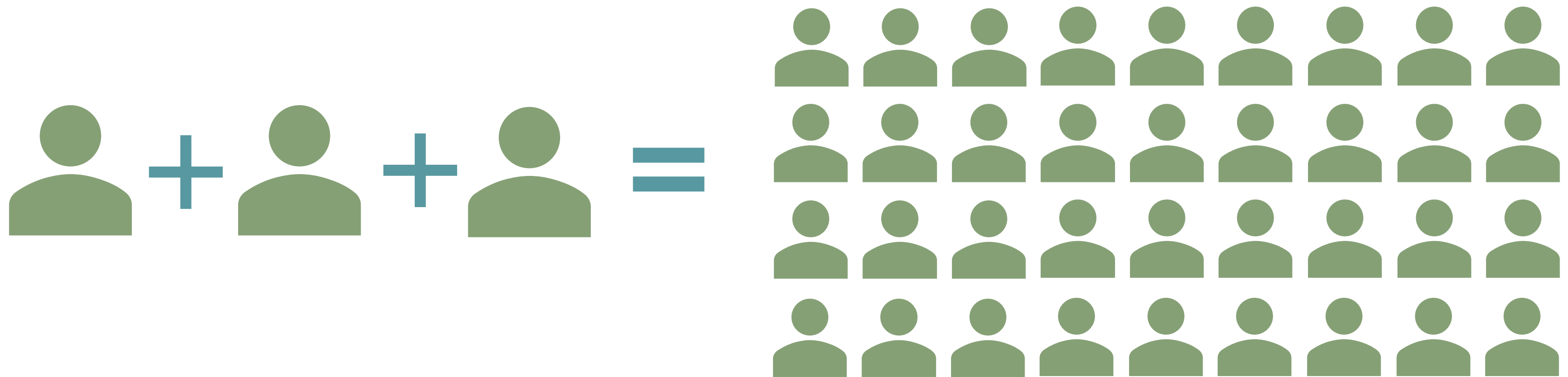
MARQUIS VICTOR, ED.D.
FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ELEVATED THOUGHT



WHY I CREATE



STRATTON LLOYD
PRESIDENT & CEO
ECCF



**WORKING TOGETHER IS
EXPONENTIALLY MORE POWERFUL**

**CHANGE STARTS AT
HOME**

**ECCF CONNECTS
LOCAL GIVING
TO
LOCAL NEED**

**COLLECTIVE ACTION IS
POWERFUL**



THE DATA

IMPACTESSEXCOUNTY.ORG

THE INDICATORS



**CHILDREN
& YOUTH**



**COMMUNITY
LIFE**



DEMOGRAPHICS



HEALTH



**FINANCIAL
SELF-SUFFICIENCY**



**ECONOMY &
WORKFORCE**

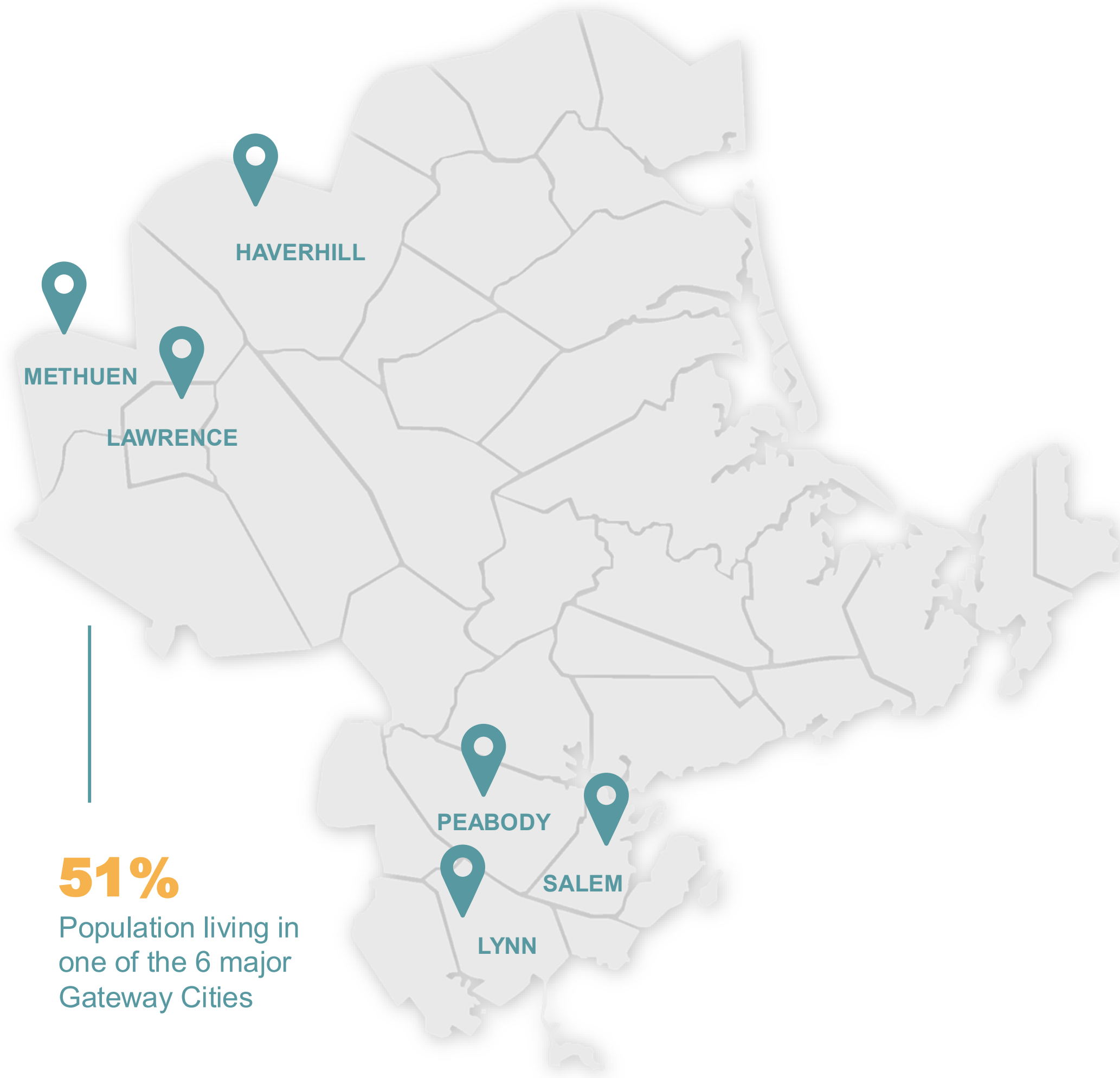


RACIAL EQUITY



EDUCATION

**ESSEX COUNTY IS
DYNAMIC:
GROWING, AGING &
BECOMING MORE DIVERSE**



SINCE 2010:

823,900

Residents, up 11% since 2010

AGING POPULATION

Residents age 60+ most growth

35% OF FAMILIES

With children under 18 are headed by single parents
(Source: ImpactEssexCounty.org, ACS 2020-24)

2020 - 2024

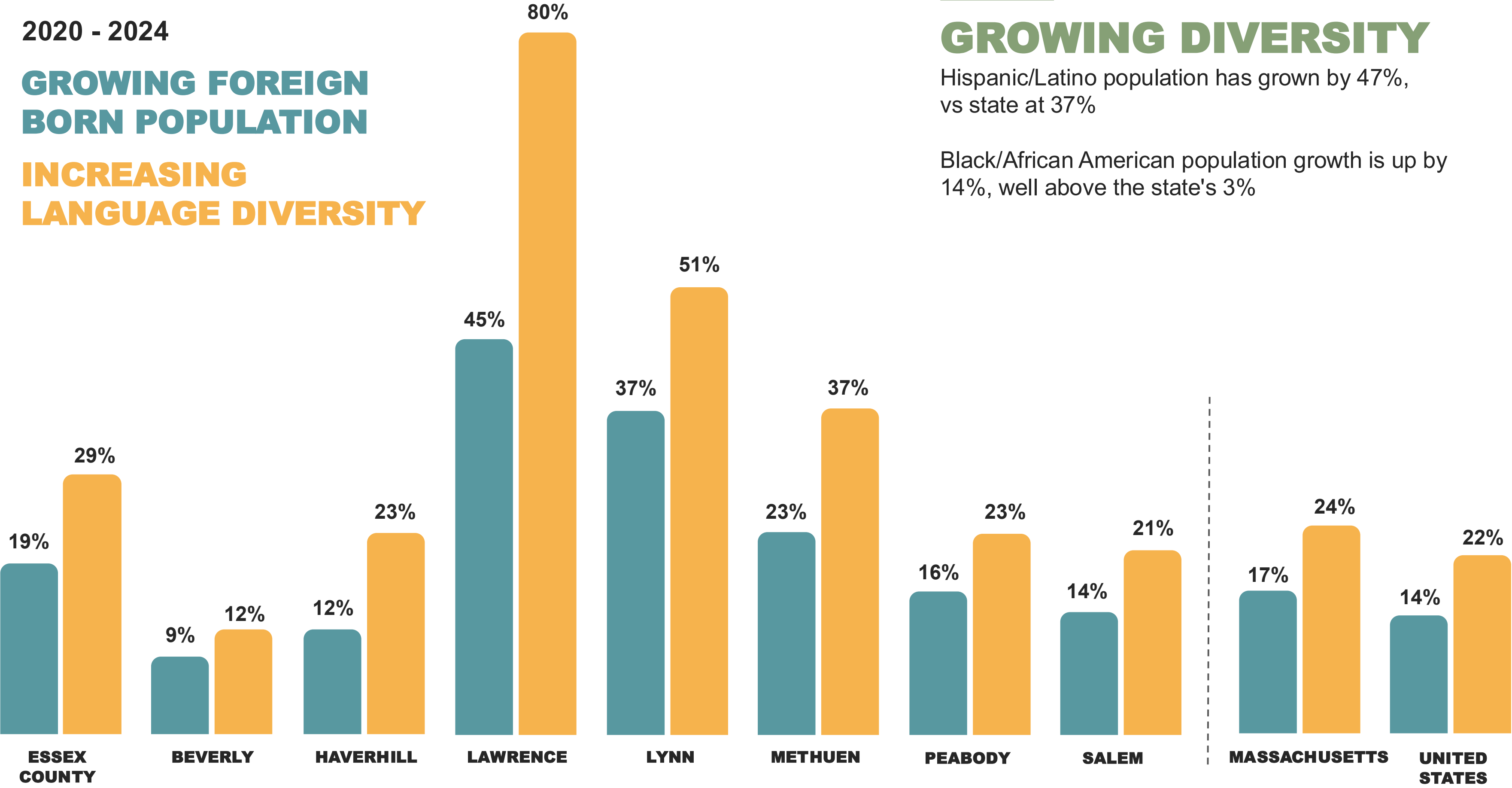
GROWING FOREIGN
BORN POPULATION

INCREASING
LANGUAGE DIVERSITY

GROWING DIVERSITY

Hispanic/Latino population has grown by 47%,
vs state at 37%

Black/African American population growth is up by
14%, well above the state's 3%



**ESSEX COUNTY IS
MAKING STEADY
PROGRESS**



YOUTH

88% to 89%

HS Graduation Rate
2024 to 2025

16% to 12%

Children in Poverty
2010-2014 to 2020-24

4.6% to 2.7%

Children with Elevated
Blood Lead Levels
2010 to 2024 rate/1000

impactessexcounty.org/education/high-school-cohort-graduation-rate



HEALTH

5% Higher

Than State & Nation: Women
receiving 1st trimester prenatal care

6.0% to 4.0%

People without health insurance
2014 to 2023

impactessexcounty.org/health



ECONOMY

Growth Sector

Financial services is fastest
growing & highest paying

5.7% to 4.6%

Unemployment rate
2021 to 2024

+200% Growth

Hispanic/Latino Businesses
Since 2017

impactessexcounty.org/economy-and-workforce

**THE RISING COST OF LIVING
IS CREATING REAL
PRESSURE**

AFFORDABILITY



COST OF LIVING

34% (+/- 282,000) are below the living wage

\$154,000

Living wage for a family of 4 with 2 earners

\$619,100

Median home value in EC is higher than MA and US

39%

Income EC renters spend on housing

29%

Increase in out-of-pocket healthcare spend (2019-2023)



SALARY GROWTH

Slower than state & US since 2010

6%

ESSEX COUNTY

16%

STATE

12%

US

**FOOD INSECURITY IS
ACCELERATING
AND IMPACTING MORE OF OUR
COMMUNITY**

FOOD INSECURITY

43%

Households experienced
food insecurity
(2025)*

37%

Children food insecure

62%

Hispanic/Latino households in
MA food insecure
(2024)



*Greater Boston Food Bank / Mass General Brigham

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SNAP BENEFITS

17%

Households received SNAP benefits

45%

Lawrence

29%

Lynn



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SNAP BENEFITS

17%

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45%

Lawrence

29%

Lynn



DISTRIBUTION

8%

Increase in charitable food distribution in single year* (Lower Essex County)

44%

Families accessing food pantries are led by single mothers (The Open Door)



*Greater Boston Food Bank / Mass General Brigham

**PEOPLE NEED ACCESSIBLE
CAREER PATHWAYS TO
ECONOMIC MOBILITY
& WEALTH BUILDING**



4.6%
Unemployment



66%*
Workforce
participation

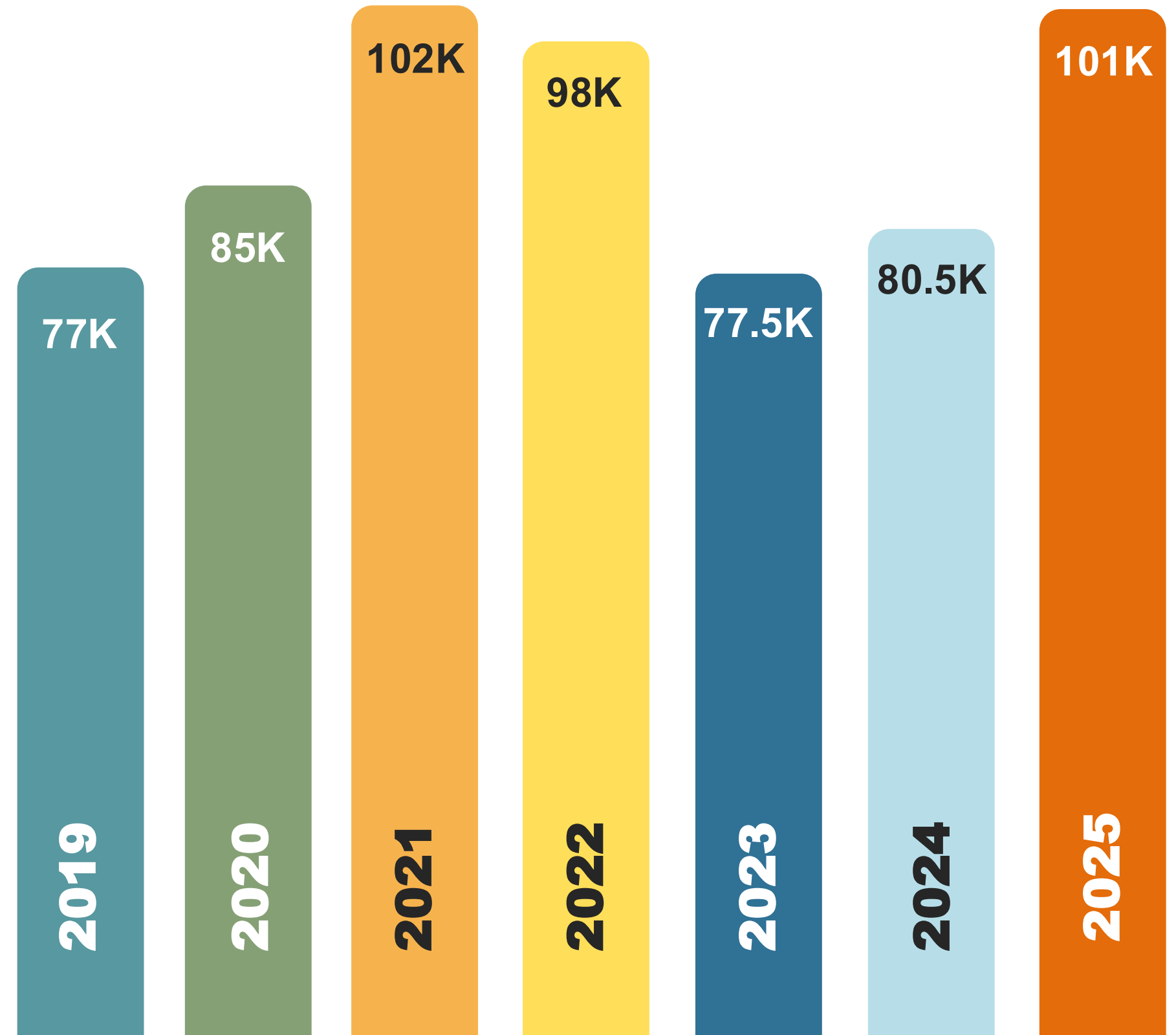


6%
Salary growth

**MassHire North Shore Workforce Board data*

25%
Increase Since 2024
Largest Sectors:
Healthcare
Education
Manufacturing
Trades

TOTAL JOB POSTINGS IN ESSEX COUNTY



ADULTS WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREES

43%
Adults

14% and 21%
Lawrence and Lynn

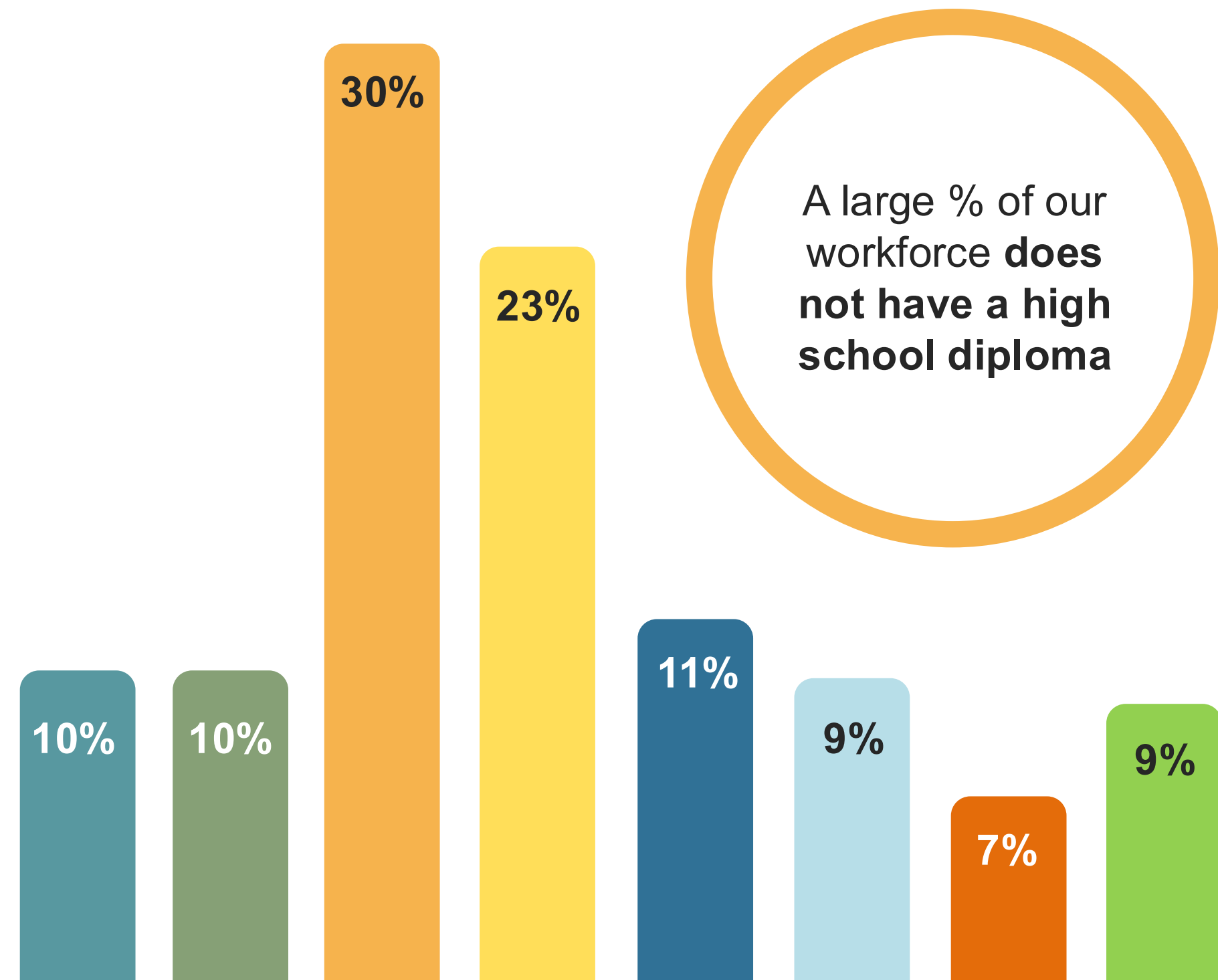
15%
Hispanic/Latino



- **ESSEX COUNTY**
- **HAVERHILL**
- **LAWRENCE**
- **LYNN**
- **METHUEN**
- **PEABODY**
- **SALEM**
- **MASSACHUSETTS**

EDUCATION LEVELS OF ADULTS

LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA 2020-24



**BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE
TOGETHER**



HOW MIGHT WE...

01

02

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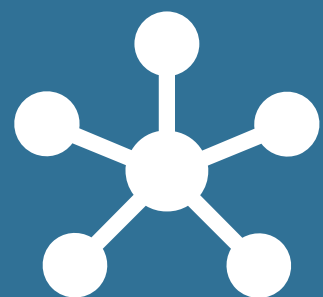


**Grow community
wealth—through small
businesses, affordable
homeownership, land
trusts and neighborhood
investment?**

01

02

03



**Strengthen connections across
our 34 communities so we can
meet shared challenges with
shared responsibility?**

02

03



**Ensure Essex County remains
healthy, resilient and
economically vibrant for
generations to come?**

03

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LT. GOVERNOR KIM DRISCOLL
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



KATE MACHET
VP OF SYSTEMS INITIATIVES &
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
ECCF

&

ALEXANDRA NOVA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NECTAR COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS



A CLIMATE RESILIENT ESSEX COUNTY

PARTNERSHIP & IMPACT

THE DATA

FLOOD RISK

75% of communities face significant flood risk

EXCESS HEAT

50% of residents live in extreme heat

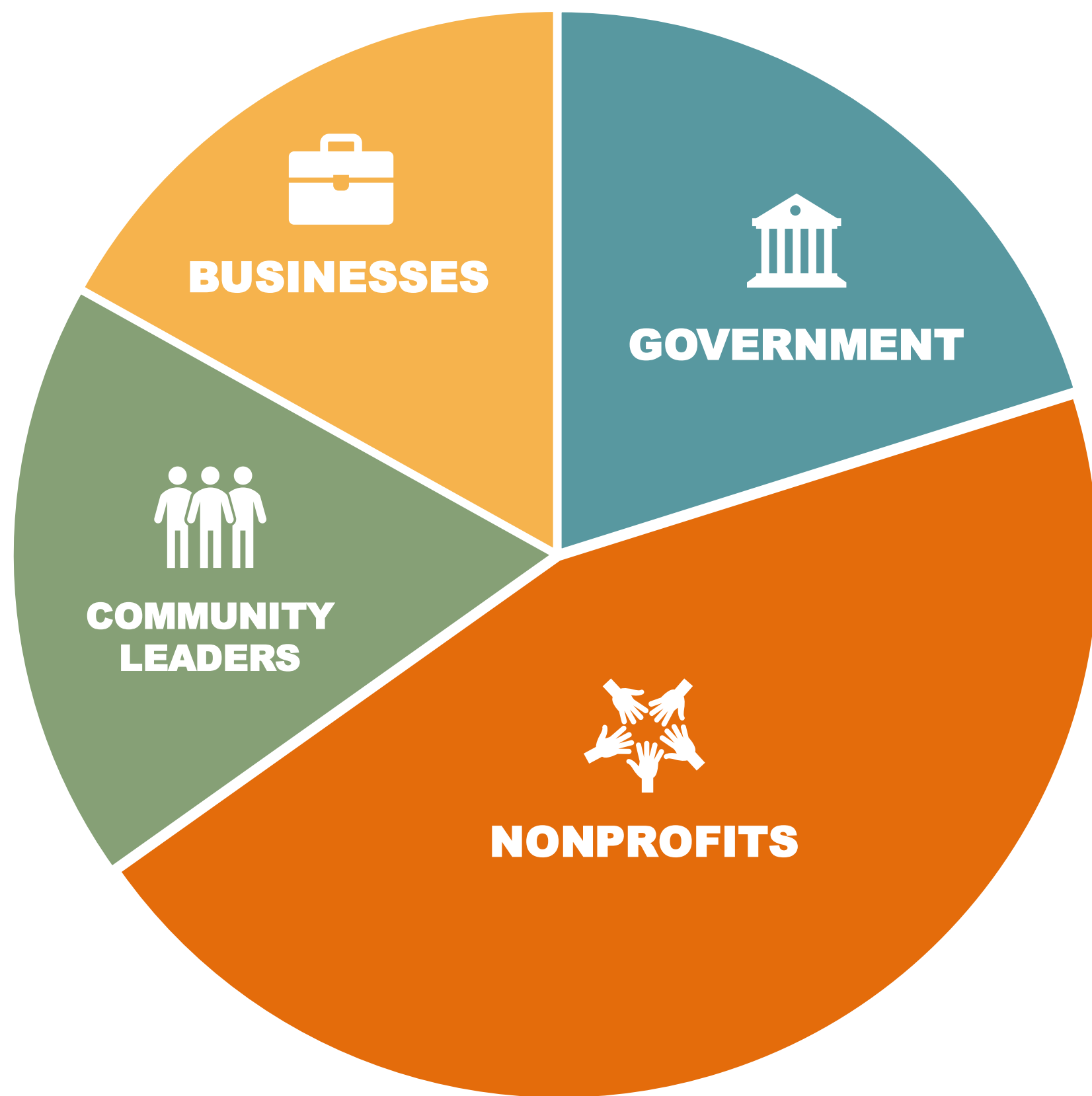
CLIMATE LITERACY

Opportunity to improve literacy for youth and adults

ENERGY TRANSITION

Opportunity to capture the clean energy transition for residents, workers and businesses





CLIMATE COALITION

400+
MEMBERS IN
FIRST YEAR

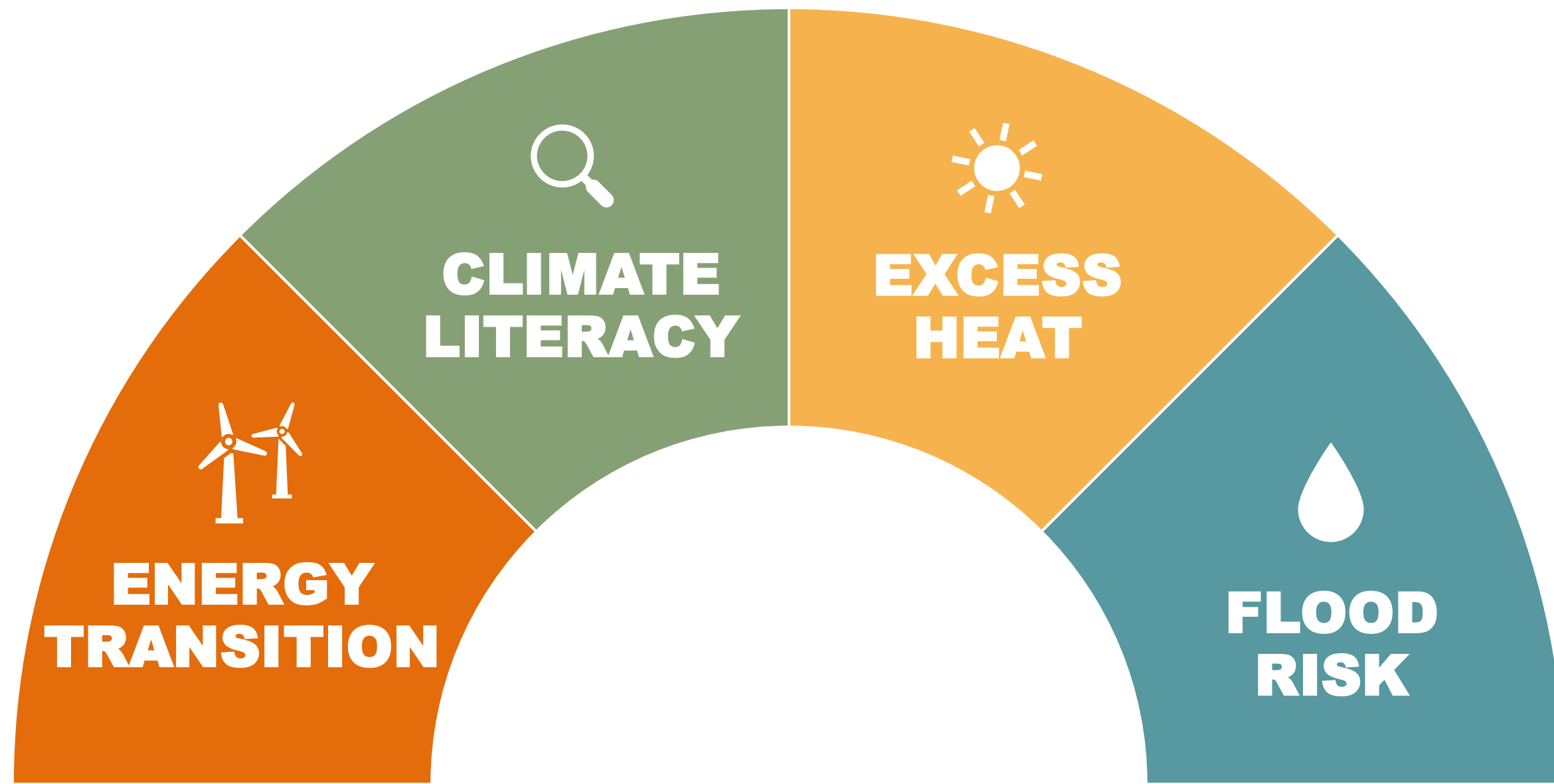
ECCCF'S COMMITMENT

\$4M+



**5-Year
Investment**

INVEST IN COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS



ANTICIPATED IMPACT



COALITION
MEMBERS



IN REGIONAL
GRANTS &
SUPPORT



DOLLARS RAISED
IN ADDITIONAL
FUNDS FROM
OUTSIDE ESSEX
COUNTY



ORGANIZATIONS
SUPPORTED
WITH CAPACITY
BUILDING



RESIDENTS
IMPACTED



AMY MORAN LOWE
VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS
ECCF

&

VILMA MARTINEZ-DOMINGUEZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GREATER LAWRENCE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL



COMMUNITY DATA GATHERING



**INTENTIONAL LISTENING
SESSIONS**



**COLLABORATING WITH
PEER FUNDERS**



FLASH POLLS



LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

PERMANENT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ESSEX COUNTY IN TIMES OF ACUTE NEED

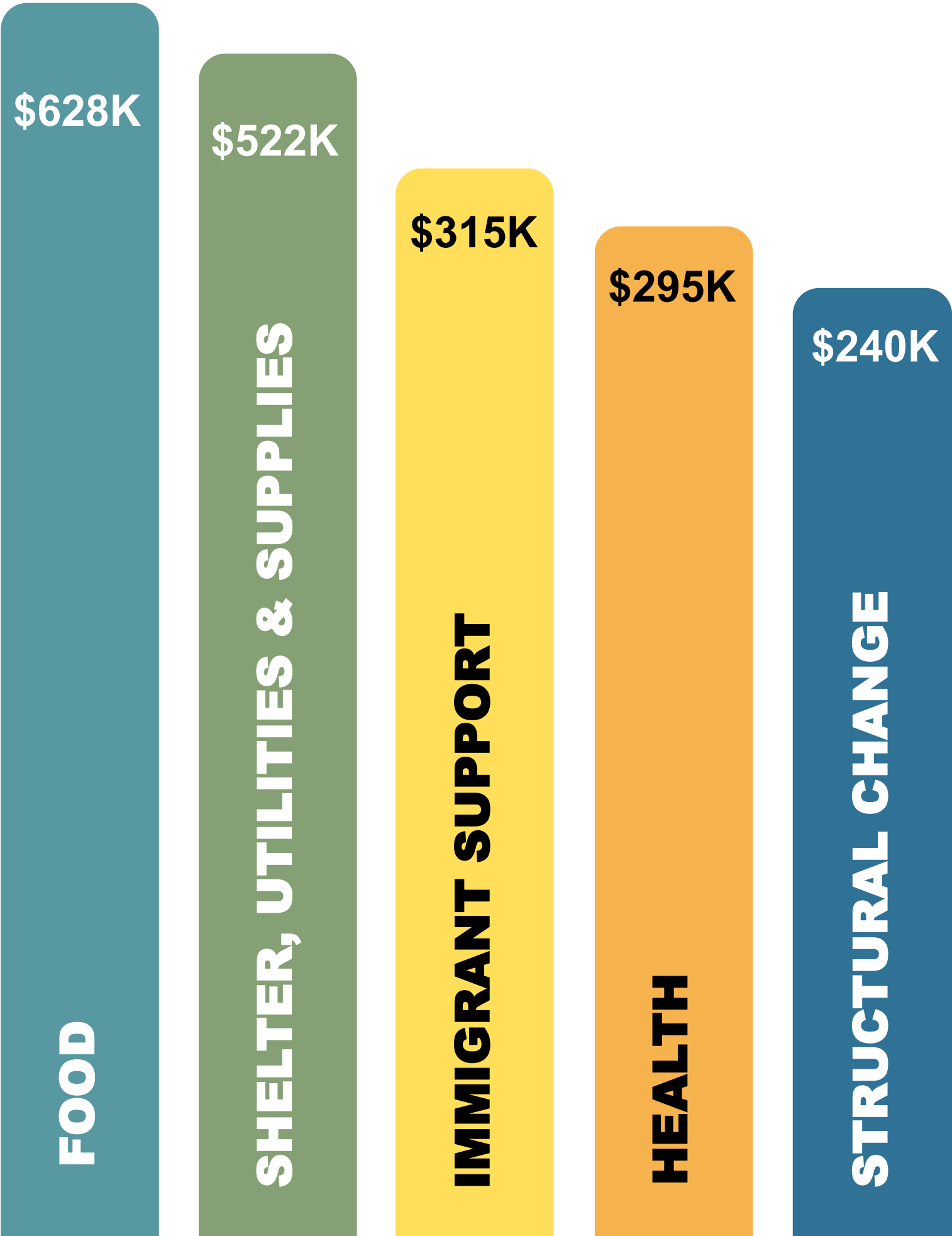
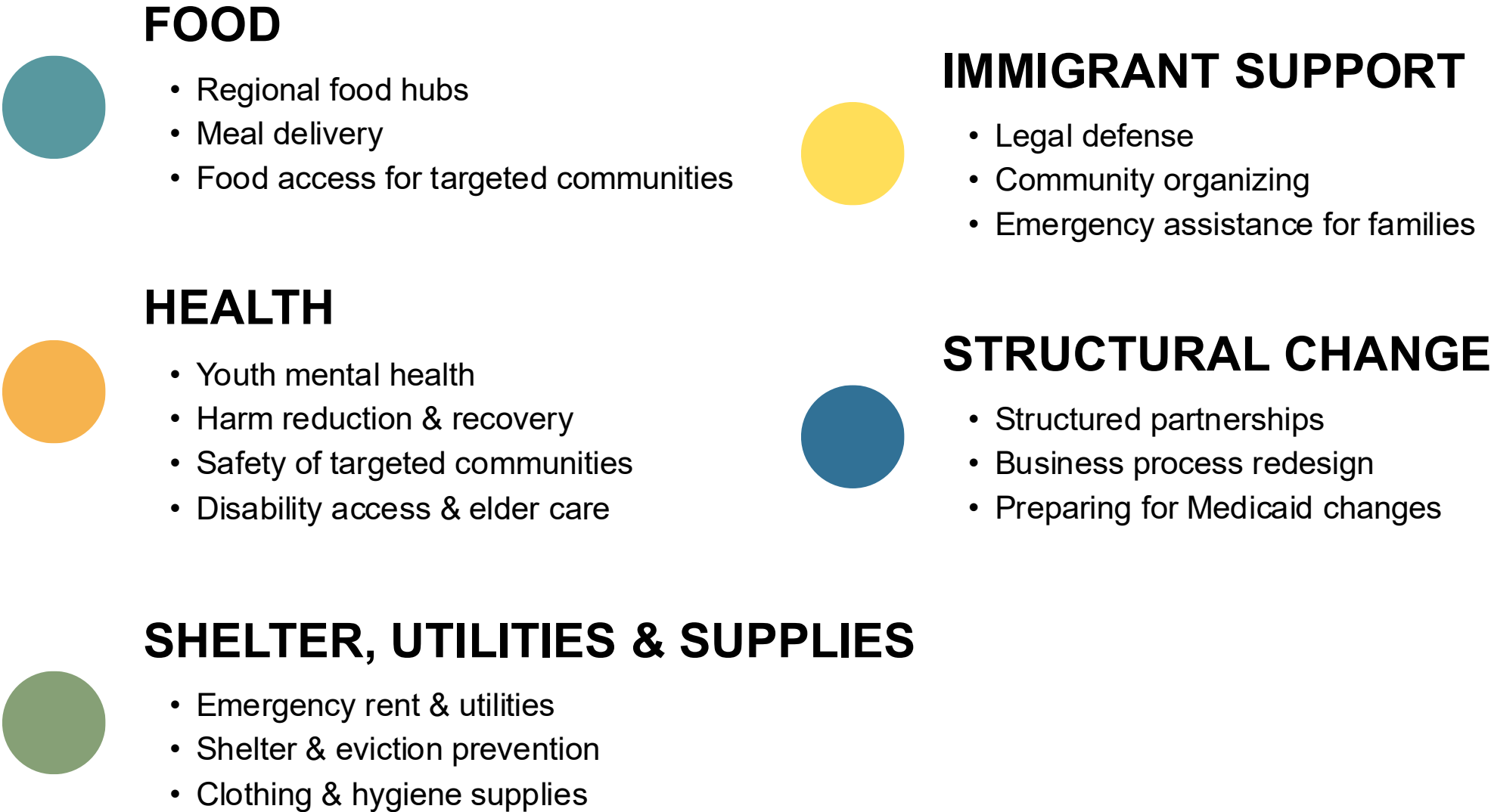
\$3M+
IN THE FIRST 2 YEARS

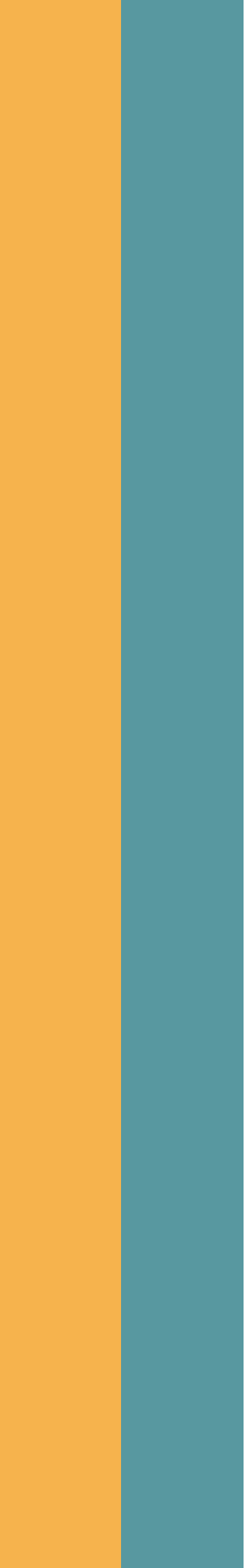
- Fast, flexible funding to meet the most critical needs
- A bridge between nonprofit organizations and donors interested in making an immediate impact
- Includes structural support component for nonprofits

FOSTERING COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

CRITICAL INVESTMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

\$2M DEPLOYED





“

We can't overstate how meaningful
this is to **the people we serve.**
Every dollar goes directly to **families**
who have nowhere else to turn.

”



STACEY LANDRY
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
ECCF

Three vertical bars of equal height are positioned on the left side of the image. From left to right, they are teal, olive green, and orange.

“ACTION
IS THE
BALM
TO DESPAIR”

**NONPROFITS GIVE US
HOPE
FOR THE FUTURE**

**ESSEX COUNTY IS
STRONGER
TOGETHER**



THANK

YOU

except