

Information Item:
Water Efficiency Grant Program
Update 2022-2024

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Environment Committee: January 11, 2022



Water Efficiency Grant Program

- Funded through Minnesota Session Laws 2015, 2019, 2021



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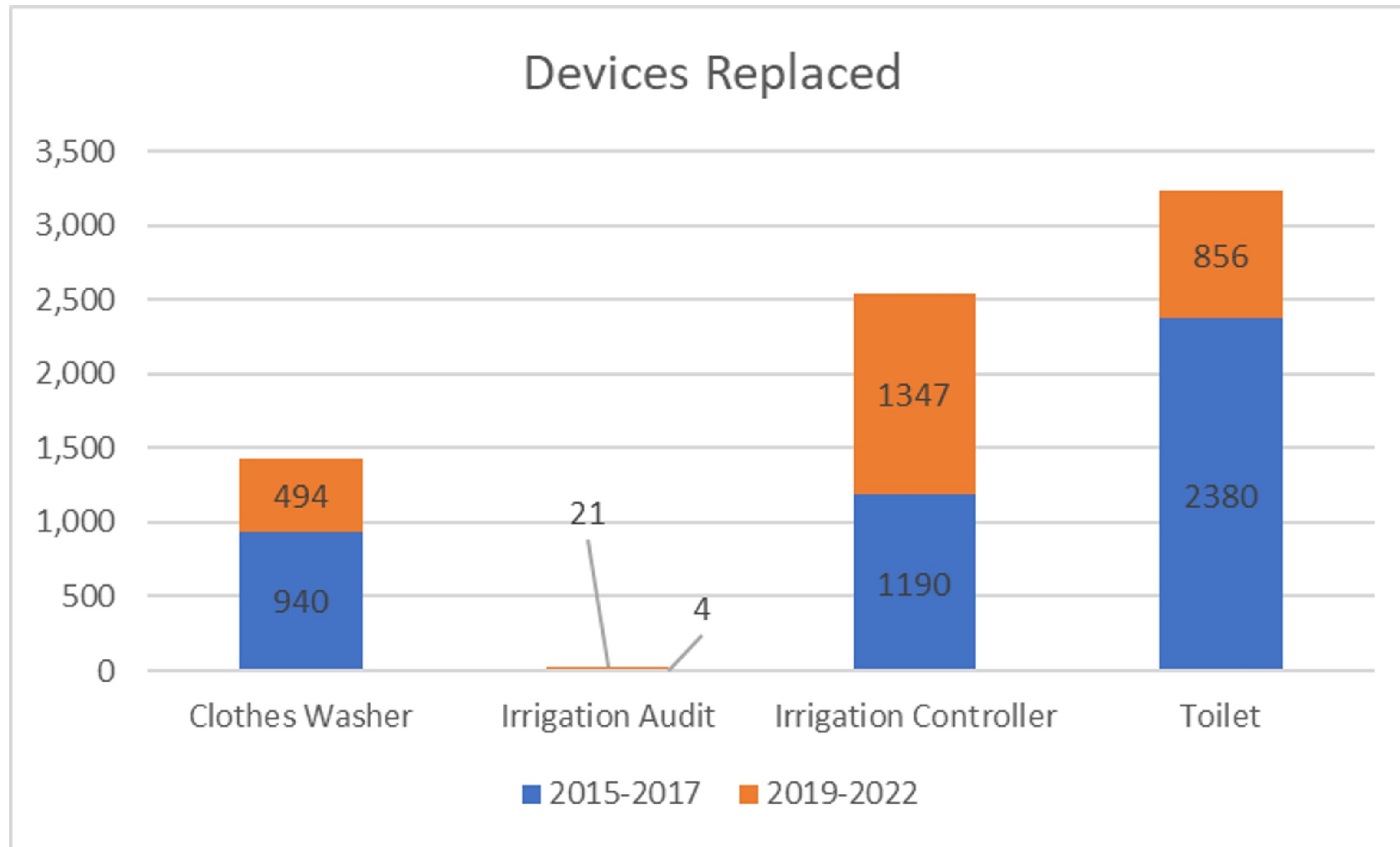
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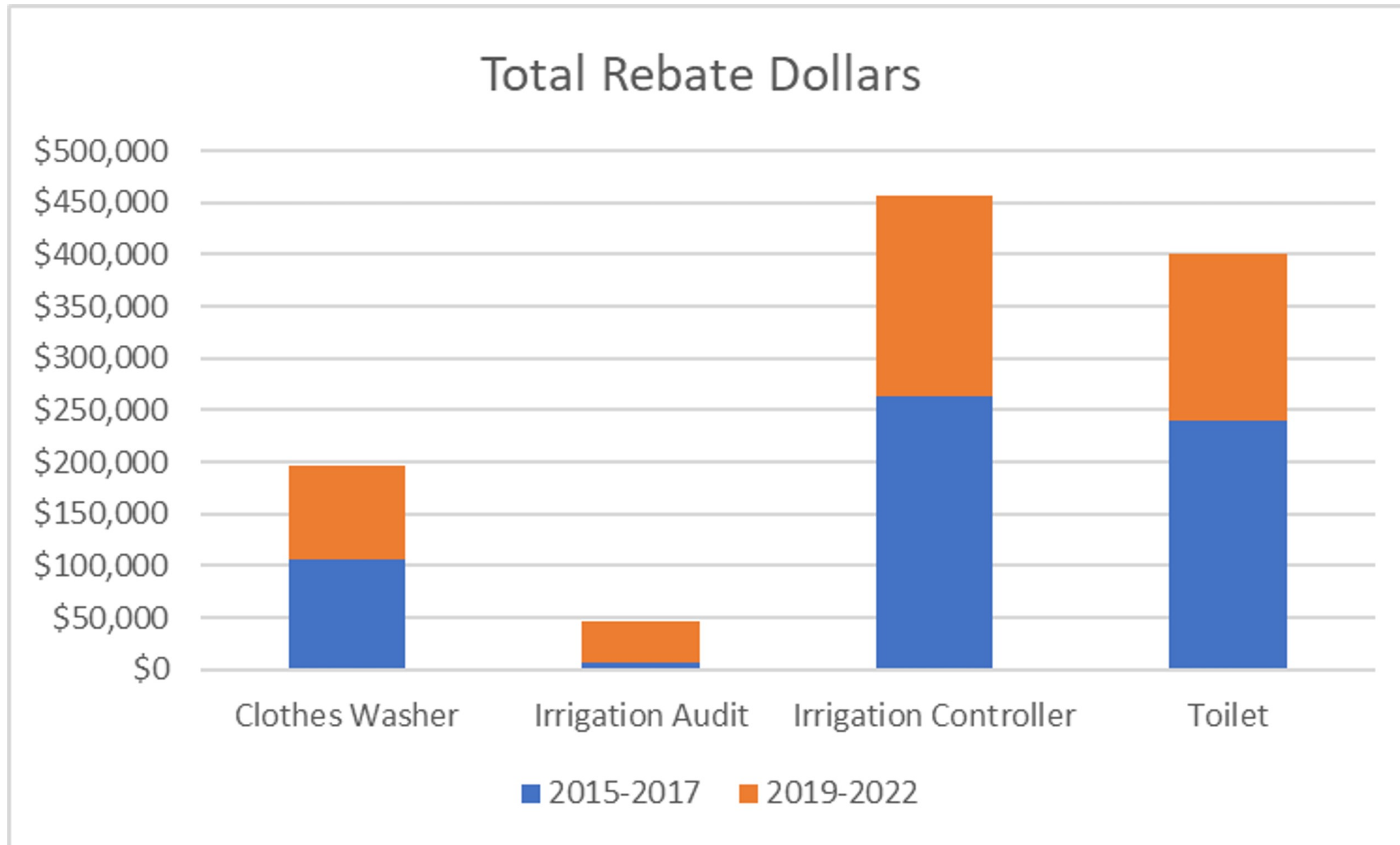
Grant Activities Completed

- Over 7,000 devices replaced



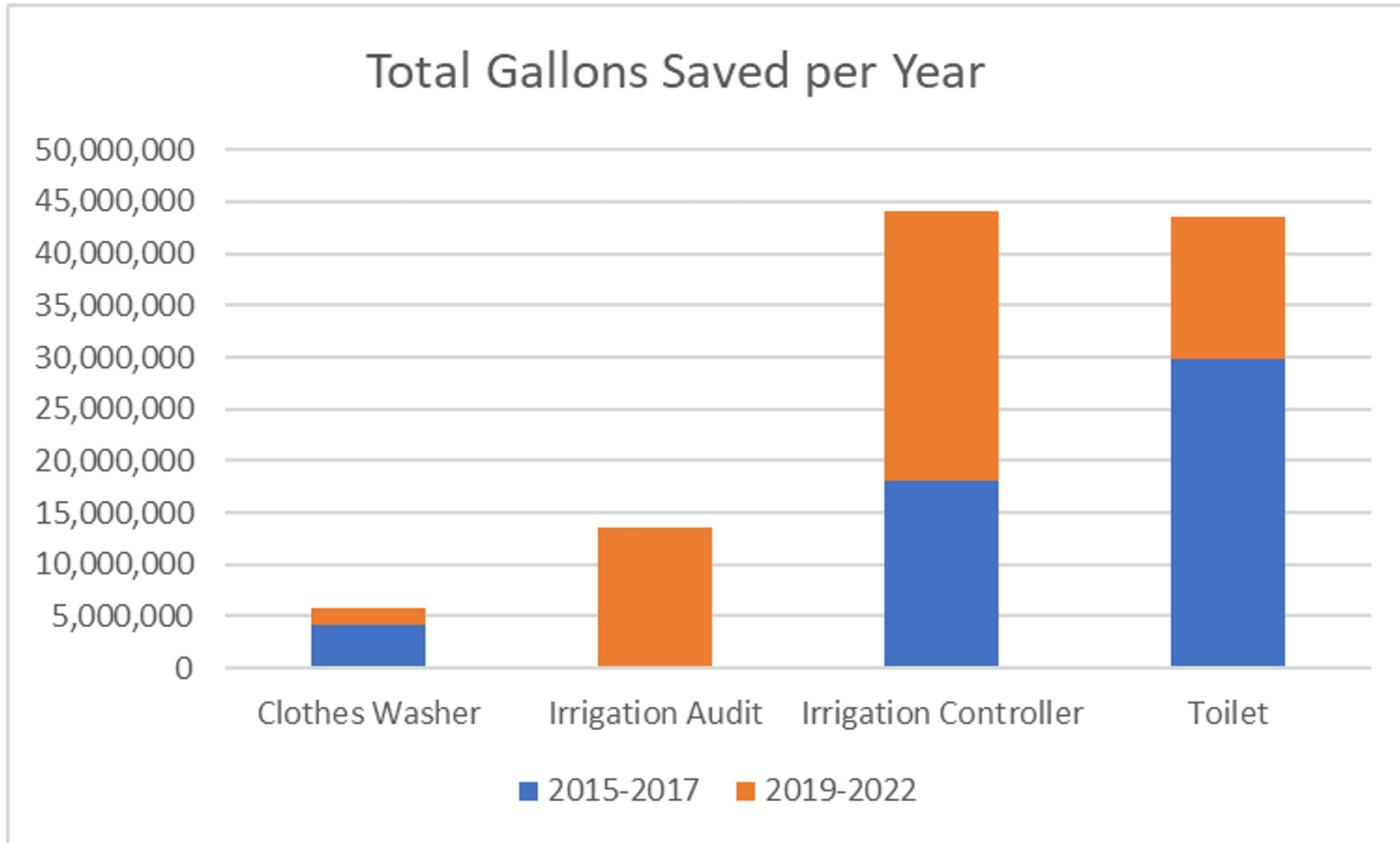
Grant Activities Completed

- Over \$1.1 million rebated



Grant Activities Completed

- Over 107 million gallons per year saved



Excellence in Strategic Collaboration Award

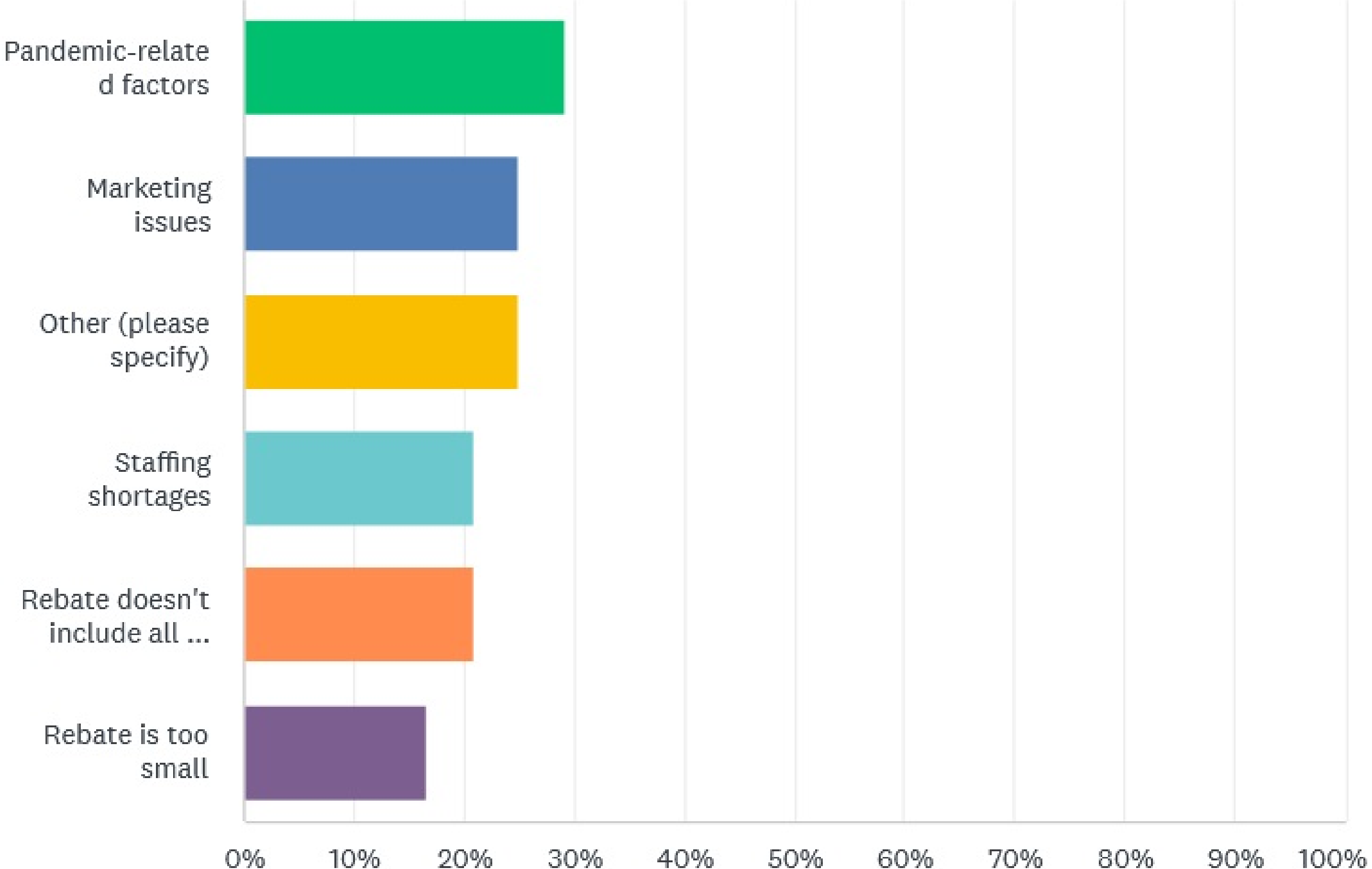
- In 2021, the Metropolitan Council won its first WaterSense Award from the Environmental Protection Agency



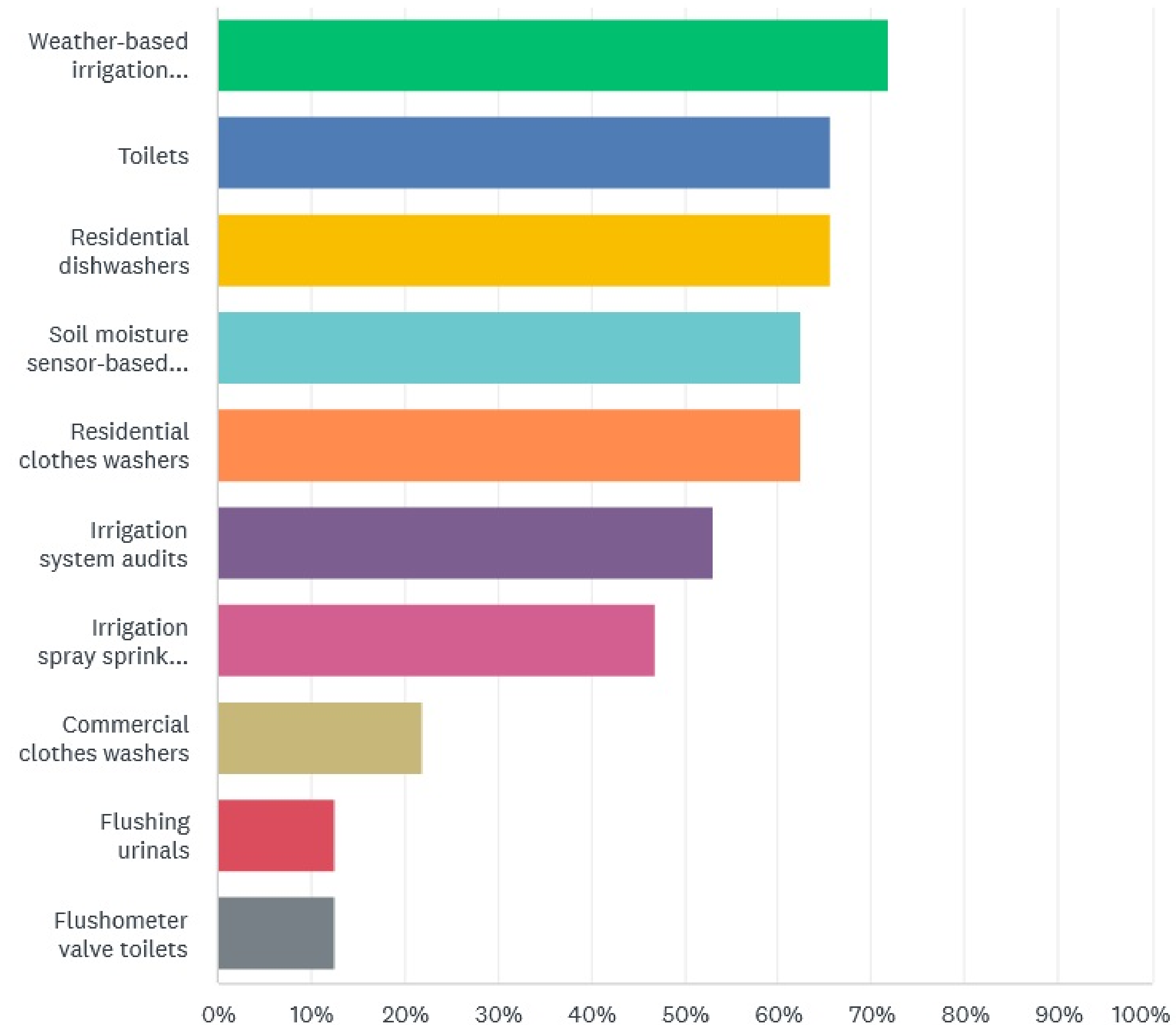
Community Input to Improve the Program

- Survey Monkey
- Seven questions
- Sent to 52 people from 38 participating Water Efficiency Grant Program communities
- 32 responses = 61.5% response rate!
- Let's see what communities want

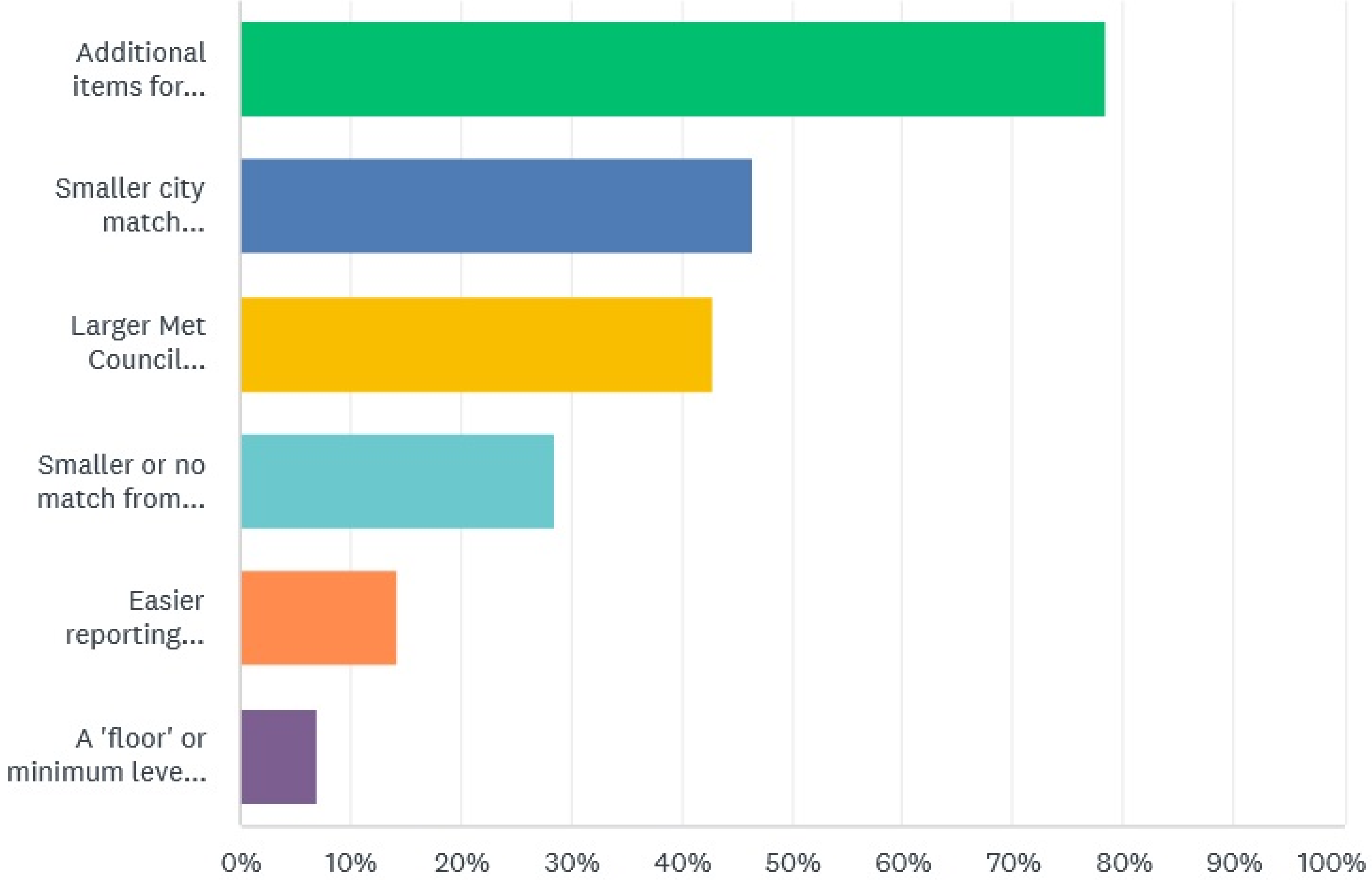
Community Challenges to their Water Efficiency Grant Programs



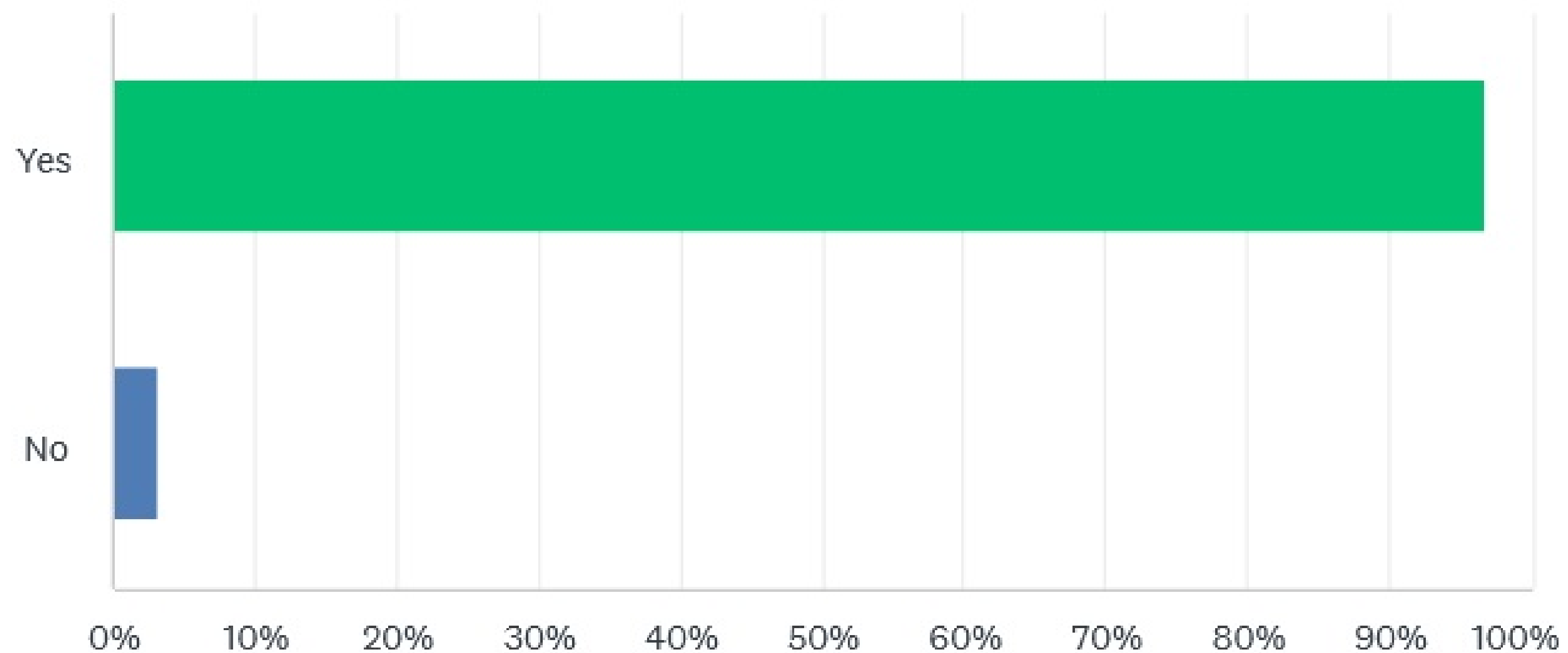
What Items Should Be Included In The Next Water Efficiency Grant Program?



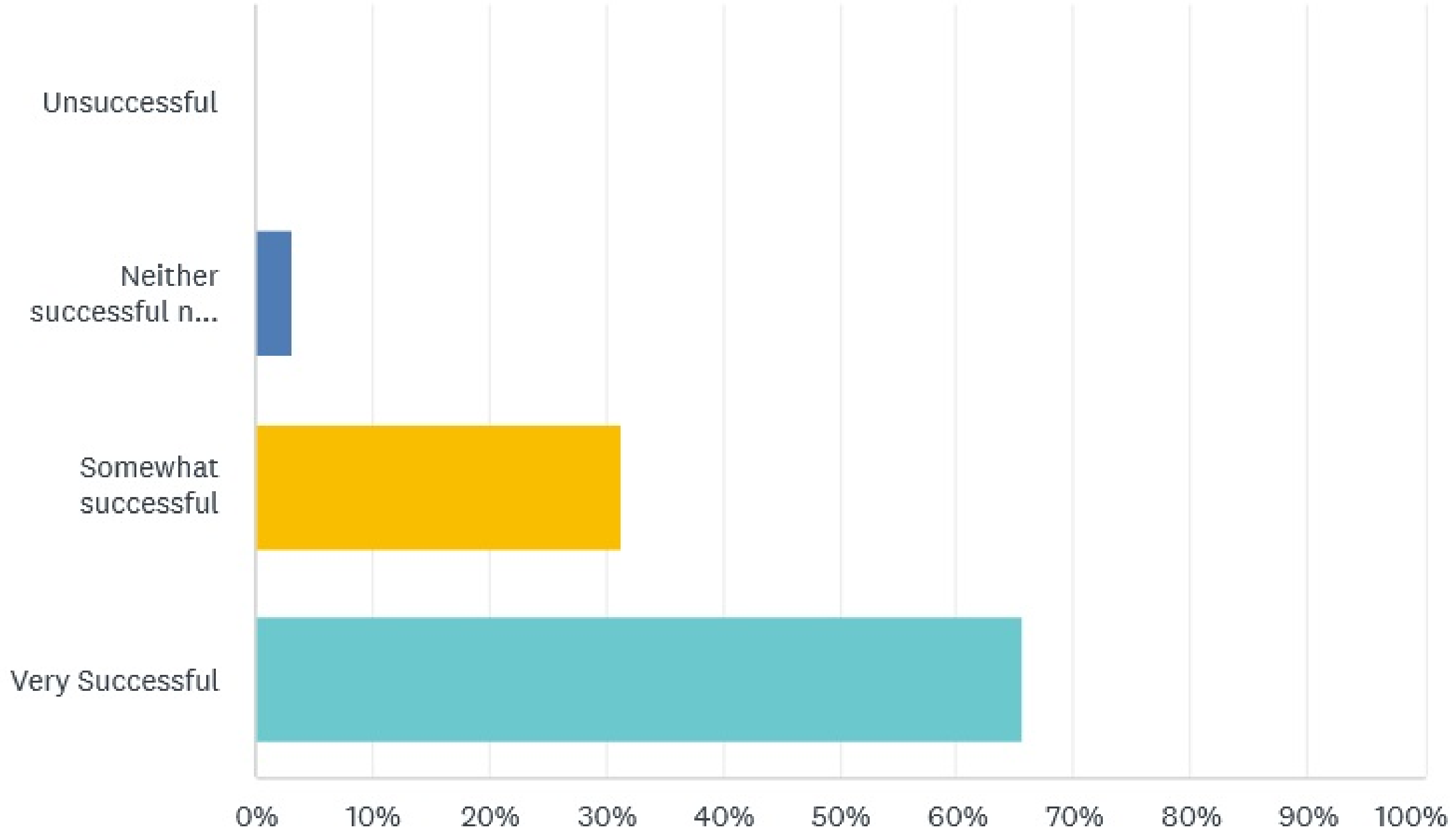
How Should The Program Be Changed?



Will Your Community Apply for the 2022-2024 Water Efficiency Grant Program?



Has Your Program Been Successful?



Community-Sourced Changes

- Add dishwashers and soil moisture-based irrigation controllers
- Met Council match increased to 90%
- City match decreased to 10%
- Eliminate the requirement of homeowner contribution
 - This increases the equity of the program

Water Efficiency Grant Program

- \$1,000,000 available July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024
 - For municipalities which are served by a water supply system
 - Maximum grant amount: \$50,000
 - Minimum grant amount: \$5,000
 - Requires matching amount: 10% municipality, 90% Council

Metropolitan Council Grant Amount	\$15,000
Municipality Match	\$5,000
Municipality Grant/Rebate Program Total	\$20,000

Water Efficiency Grant Program Timeline

- Environment Committee: January 11
- Announce Program: January 17
- Application Deadline: March 4
- Grant Decisions Complete: March 31
- Environment Committee: April 12
- Council Approval: April 27
- Grants Awarded: April 29

Questions

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