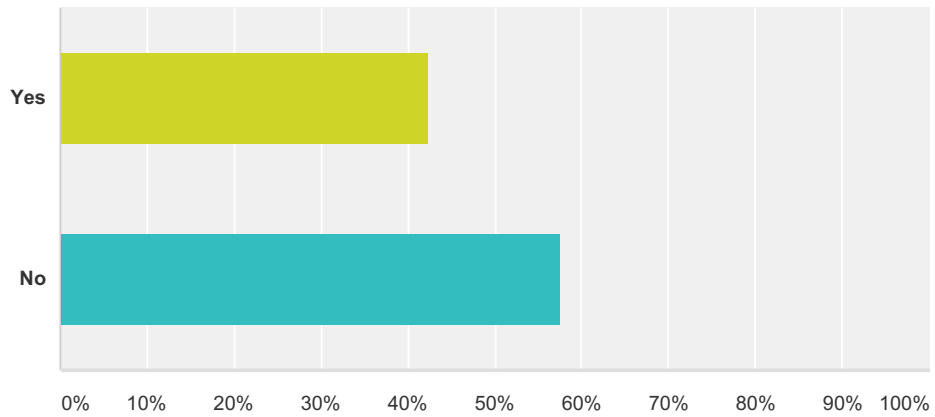


Q3 Did you apply for a Local Food Fund?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	42.31%	11
No	57.69%	15
Total		26

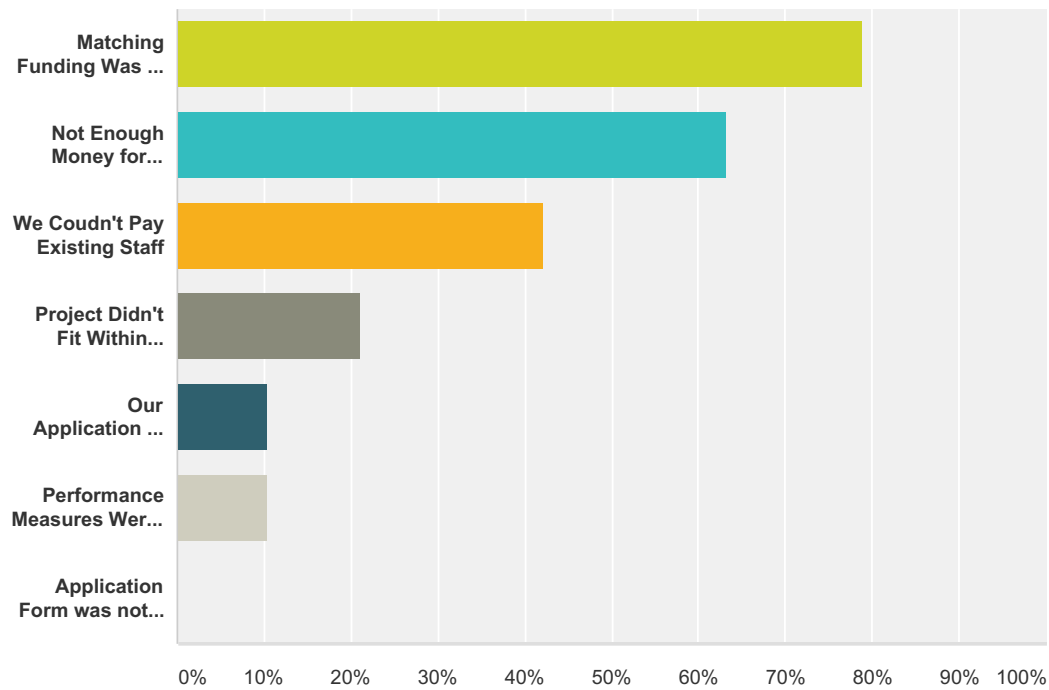
Q4 If you did not apply for a Local Food Fund, why not?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 11

#	Responses	Date
1	We could not secure 50% supporting funds.	10/22/2014 9:00 AM
2	didn't have cohesive goal for specific project to apply for at that time, especially a challenge to find adequate matching funds available, but will definitely apply in new round when/if it is made available	10/22/2014 8:03 AM
3	We were not sure about fit with the work, and are understaffed to manage the process.	10/21/2014 2:01 PM
4	We do not qualify.	10/21/2014 1:55 PM
5	I did not have time	10/20/2014 9:09 PM
6	We do only apply to funds that are exclusive to academic groups as we do not want to take funding away from community groups, NGOs etc.	10/20/2014 4:42 PM
7	We promoted the funds to organizations in our community and I know they applied for funds.	10/20/2014 3:03 PM
8	Timing wasn't a good fit and the need for 50 percent of funds coming from elsewhere was a challenge for a few projects we considered.	10/20/2014 2:41 PM
9	We were developing a proposal and were told that there are no more funds.	10/20/2014 2:18 PM
10	I assisted clients with applying.	10/20/2014 1:48 PM
11	Did not have an appropriate project ready	10/20/2014 1:23 PM
12	Have not yet decided on a project	10/17/2014 11:02 AM
13	We had another organization do it for us, so they could hire us to do our own work. Otherwise we could not get funding for existing staff who are not fully funded. This is embarrassing, and also unfair, as our deliverables become the accomplishments of another organization.	10/16/2014 5:01 PM
14	We intended on applying and actually sent in the application only to have them announce they were closing their application intake.	10/16/2014 2:13 PM
15	We considered it, observed the lengthy application review and decision timeframes and the types of projects being funded, and decided we did not have a project that was a good fit at the time.	10/16/2014 2:01 PM

Q5 What challenges did you have with the previous roll-out of the Local Food Fund?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses
Matching Funding Was a Challenge	78.95% 15
Not Enough Money for Operations and Admin	63.16% 12
We Couldn't Pay Existing Staff	42.11% 8
Project Didn't Fit Within Streams	21.05% 4
Our Application Was Denied	10.53% 2
Performance Measures Were Difficult to Demonstrate	10.53% 2
Application Form was not User Friendly	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 19	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I am a sole staff member of my program	10/20/2014 9:09 PM
2	Delayed approvals interfered with effective planning; and slow payments interfered with cash flow projections.	10/20/2014 1:48 PM
3	WE submitted an application in February 2014 and still have not heard whether we received funding or not.	10/20/2014 1:32 PM
4	Communications around how much \$ would be granted and when were not transparent.	10/20/2014 1:17 PM
5	No response from Ministry - proposal in limbo	10/16/2014 10:48 AM
6	The application was not going to be reviewed in time for our event so they asked us to withdraw our application.	10/16/2014 9:54 AM

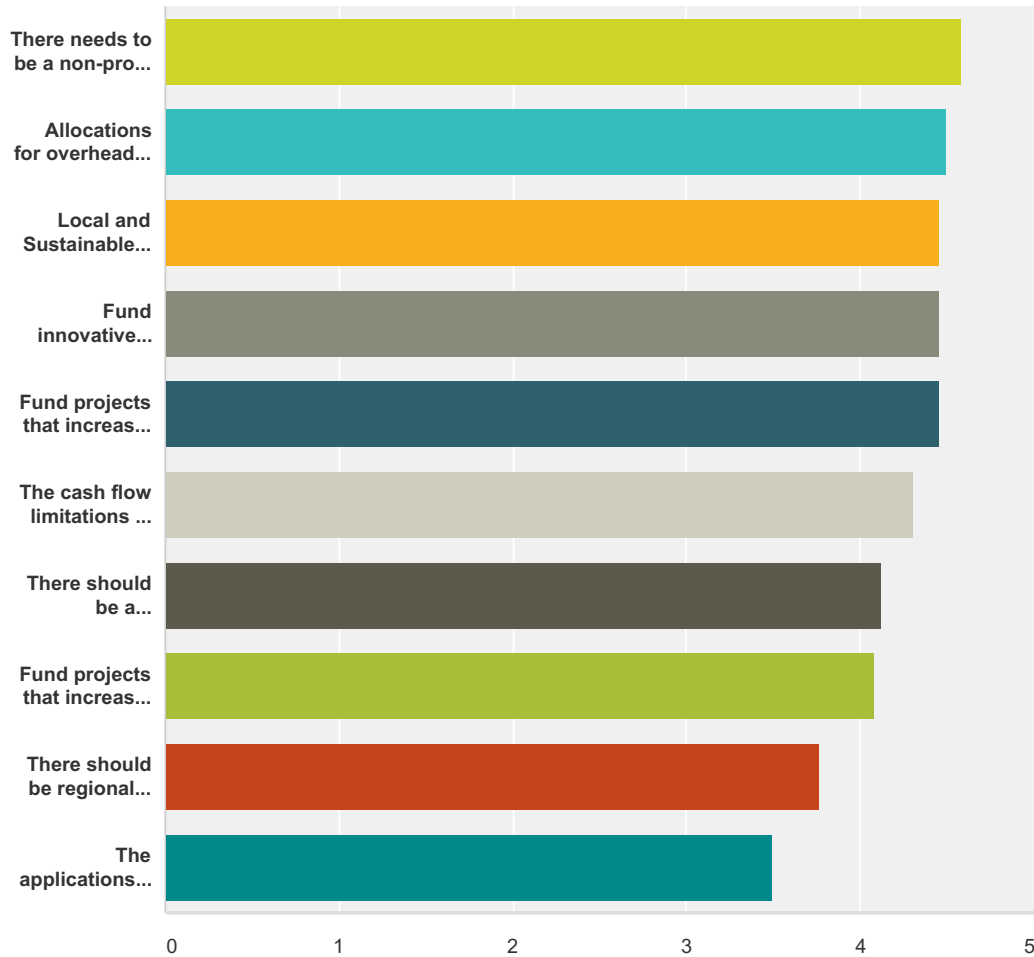
Q6 What suggestions would you make for improvements on the Local Food Fund to be implemented within the year?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 10

#	Responses	Date
1	100% granting	10/22/2014 9:00 AM
2	Better outreach to understand the components of the grant, and to gauge project idea/concept with a staff member of the Local Food Fund.	10/21/2014 2:01 PM
3	I concur strongly with the letter's recommendations.	10/21/2014 12:49 PM
4	If I had a little help I might be able to do it.	10/20/2014 9:09 PM
5	The Local Food Fund team must be responsive to the needs of the applicant/client. The bureaucracy and cash flow limitations make it nearly impossible to work with the funding from the grant. Several month delays to be reimbursed means organizations may have to terminate their grant contracts. Many foundations have much simpler and streamlined processes for distributing grant funds, which should be reviewed.	10/20/2014 5:24 PM
6	Stacking LFF with GF2 funding would ease the matching funding requirement.	10/20/2014 1:48 PM
7	Reviews and funding announcements need to be made within 3 months.	10/20/2014 1:32 PM
8	I would suggest that there be a business stream and an organizational stream. I think that this whole process has been influenced by the political side and there was more emphasis on getting the money out early without a lot of thought to the implementation on the ground.	10/20/2014 1:23 PM
9	-allow funds to be used for existing staff - at least for NGO/nonprofit orgs. -make matching funds requirements less onerous for ENGOS/nonprofits	10/20/2014 1:11 PM
10	Allow staking of provincial funds.	10/17/2014 11:02 AM
11	They have to find a way to allow us to fund existing staff, as do all other funders. ie if we get the deliverables done, that should be the test. Also, overhead is not something that can be ignored. If they don't acknowledge it, it becomes additional matching dollars (especially for Tides projects!)	10/16/2014 5:01 PM
12	Ensure that timing on allocating funds is accurate as many projects are time sensitive.	10/16/2014 4:33 PM
13	I think there should be a separate matching fund amount for not-for-profits and allow current staff salary and overhead to be supported.	10/16/2014 2:13 PM
14	Program could be structured in a way that is more friendly to smaller non-profits and charities that have more limitations on matching funds and challenges absorbing administrative and staff costs associated with taking on new projects.	10/16/2014 2:01 PM
15	Faster turn around so projects can get off the ground and use leveraged funding. Matching funds reduced for non-profit organizations Ability to pay existing staff for non-profit organizations More flexibility for "food system" projects that include healthy food access for vulnerable communities	10/16/2014 10:48 AM
16	There should be different streams within the guidelines of the LFF that separates food and farming businesses from organizations (non-profits, First Nations and Municipalities).	10/16/2014 9:54 AM

Q7 We heard the following suggestions from our Advisory Council and Steering Committee? Which of the following suggestions do you most agree with?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 0



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Average Rating
There needs to be a non-profit perspective on the review panel	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.85% 1	34.62% 9	61.54% 16	26	4.58
Allocations for overhead should be allowed within proposal budgets	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.85% 1	42.31% 11	53.85% 14	26	4.50
Local and Sustainable food experts need to be represented on the review panel	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 2	38.46% 10	53.85% 14	26	4.46
Fund innovative ideas that can be shared across the sector, networking and relationship creation, and increasing processing and distribution	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 2	38.46% 10	53.85% 14	26	4.46
Fund projects that increase access to local food	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 2	38.46% 10	53.85% 14	26	4.46

The cash flow limitations of non-profits need be considered and that the grant installments for each installment comes before it is paid out, with a 10% hold back	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11.54% 3	46.15% 12	42.31% 11	26	4.31
There should be a micro-grant element of the fund with a simpler application and simpler requirements (Government could work with a partner to administer this)	0.00% 0	7.69% 2	15.38% 4	34.62% 9	42.31% 11	26	4.12
Fund projects that increase Food literacy	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	30.77% 8	30.77% 8	38.46% 10	26	4.08
There should be regional streams as well as a provincial stream and that the funding be allocated to ensure regional equity	0.00% 0	3.85% 1	30.77% 8	50.00% 13	15.38% 4	26	3.77
The applications should be divided by regions	0.00% 0	7.69% 2	46.15% 12	34.62% 9	11.54% 3	26	3.50

#	Feel free to clarify your response	Date
1	Micro grants should also be made available to unorganized community groups	10/22/2014 9:00 AM
2	Initiatives which work to connect, enhance, and add capacity within the local food, small business, and non-profit sectors are critical. Innovative ideas should be strongly considered. A small amount of funding offered by government is a strong way to encourage research and innovation and fund ideas and projects that may lead to new results for the sector.	10/20/2014 5:24 PM
3	There also needs to be a social benefit perspective on the review panel.	10/20/2014 1:48 PM
4	This fund cannot be a catch all for anything and everything to do with local food. I believe that the fund should be directed to assisting producers and organizations develop new products, distribution networks and channels and assist in the marketing of Ontario local food. I do not believe that the local food fund should be designed to address access issues and other social benefits that could be better addressed by larger funds administered by other Ministries.	10/20/2014 1:23 PM
5	There should be a separate microgrant fund altogether	10/16/2014 9:54 AM

Q8 Any other comments you would like to make?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 20

#	Responses	Date
1	Sorry this is late, hope it helps!	10/22/2014 9:00 AM
2	I very much want to apply, got lots of great ideas, I just run out of time. It's as simple as that.	10/20/2014 9:09 PM
3	The grant is really important and could be very useful. It is important that issues of communication and funding are fixed so recipients, especially those receiving smaller amounts, are able to work with the grant and that monies can flow to do good things and create jobs. Thank you for this opportunity to respond.	10/20/2014 5:24 PM
4	Since the public is clearly desiring local foods grown with ecological practices, this aspect should receive a priority.	10/20/2014 1:48 PM
5	I would suggest increasing the amount of funding since it was over subscribed. I like that there isn't a limit on how much applicants can apply for.	10/17/2014 11:02 AM
6	RAIN had worked on two separate applications. One was with Penokean Hills Farms, a farm business for grass-fed beef; and another application for Eat Algoma, a local food festival. The first application was in their system for about 6 months before approval. We were surprised that the review committee did not even ask for a business plan for funding. Usually with other funding programs like NOHFC, there is a third-party auditing firm (i.e. Deloitte) that will do extra due diligence. For the second grant, it was in the system for several months and we were notified that we wouldn't get an approval before the event happened. We withdrew the application and now the program is on hold. It's unclear now if we'll apply to Ontario Foodland for the 2015 event or LFF. We'll likely apply to Ministry of Tourism instead and get more sponsors, it would be a lot less painful.	10/16/2014 9:54 AM