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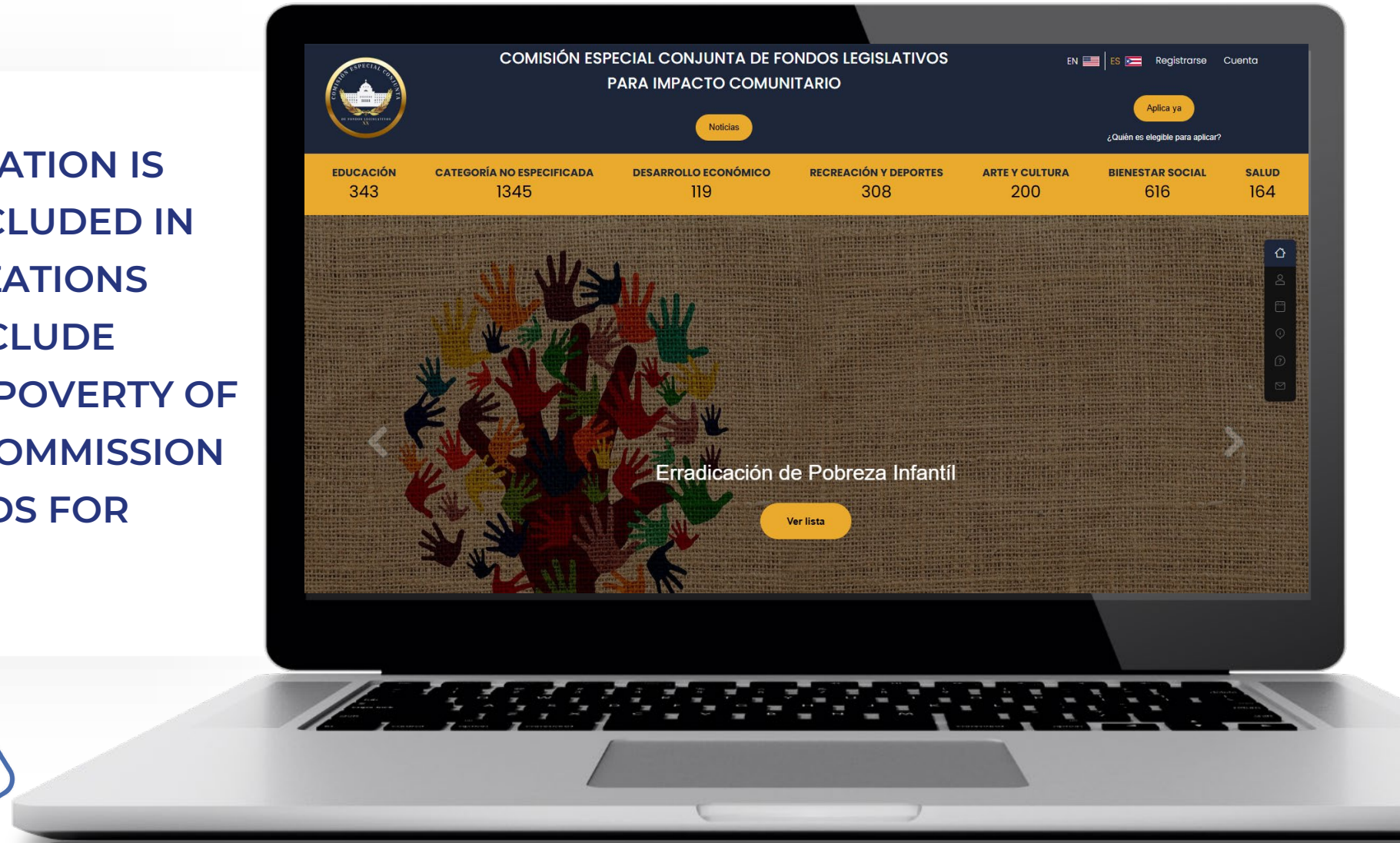
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WHO IS MECFF?



BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

The **Mark E. Curry Family** Foundation is a private, independent family foundation established in 2015 by entrepreneur, fintech pioneer, and Puerto Rico resident Mark E. Curry, and his family.

In line with its mission and deep commitment to improving the well-being of children and families, both locally and nationally, the Foundation commissioned this independent study to better understand the realities and challenges faced by residential facilities serving abused and neglected children.



This initiative reflects the Foundation's dedication to using data-driven insight to promote lasting, systemic change that ensures opportunity for every child.

THREE IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT MECFF



0
operational
cost



Gives **100%** to
victims

- \$200K in 2022
- \$300K in 2023
- \$400K in 2024
- Goal in **2025** = **\$1** Million



Pays **100%**
of annual
gala

- Sponsor recognition
- Donation check distribution



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**WHO IS BEHIND
THE STUDY?**

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BACKGROUND OF THE FIRM HIRED TO CONDUCT THE STUDY



ANITZA COX
Lawyer.

**Director of the Social Analysis
and Policy Division**
Project's Director

Anitza Cox has been a researcher and consultant in social policy issues for more than 25 years and is a leading scholar in topics related to the nonprofit sector in Puerto Rico.

She is the Director of the Social Analysis and Policy Division at Estudios Técnicos, Inc., Puerto Rico's leading economic, social and planning consulting firm.

One of her main responsibilities at Estudios Técnicos, Inc. is the coordination of projects which involve the evaluation and design of public policies and plans, in the areas of: health, social services, community development, housing for special populations and juvenile delinquency, among other topics.

She also provides technical assistance to several governmental agencies and NPOs in areas of program design and compliance.

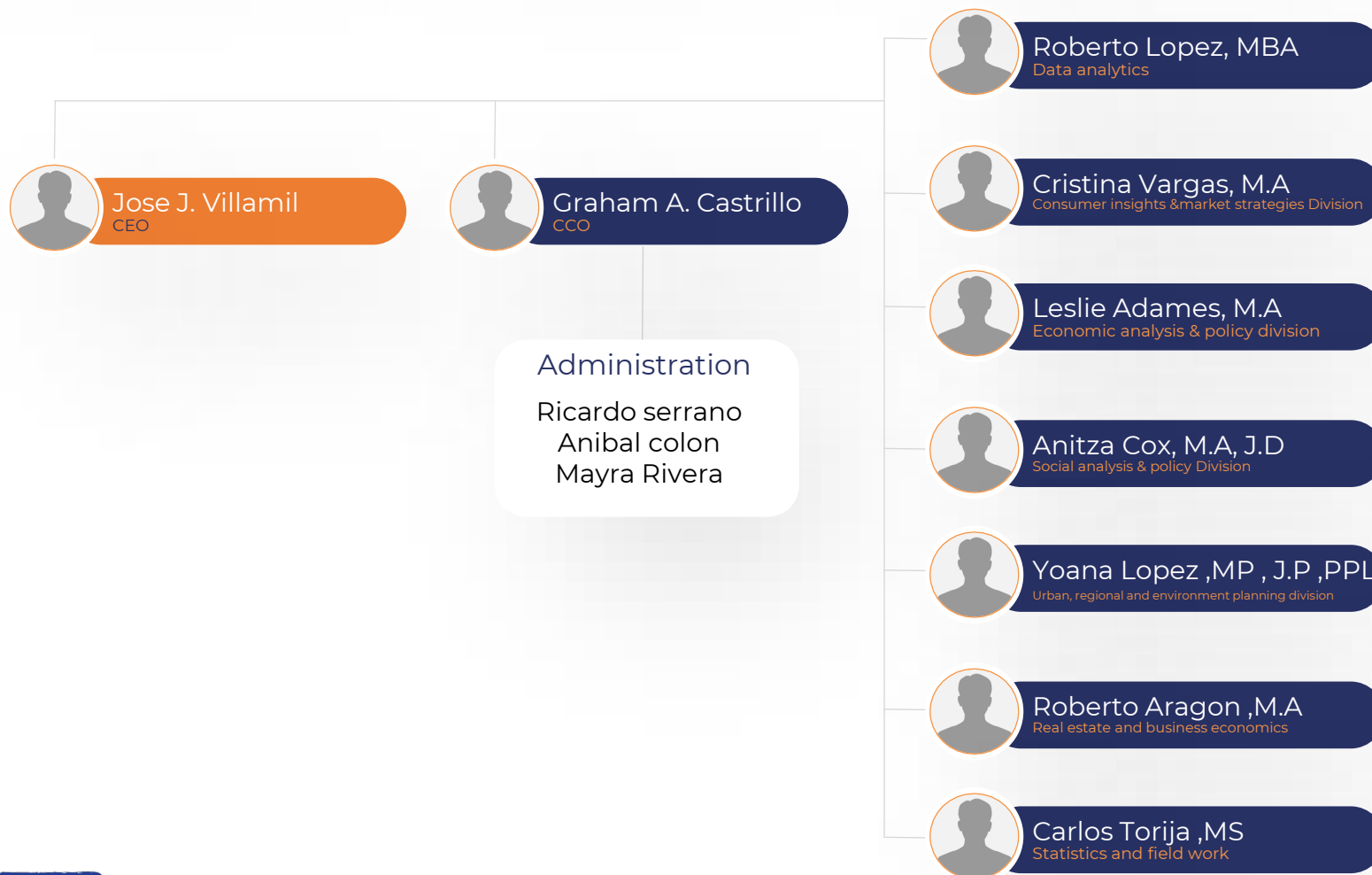
She holds a bachelor's degree in communications and a Master's degree in Education with a concentration in Instructional Design, both from Sagrado Corazón University. She completed her Law degree at the University of Puerto Rico and a graduate certificate in Community Development and Public Administration from Rutgers University, Camden.

In addition to her work at Estudios Técnicos, Inc., she has been in the academia for more than 20 years. She is a professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration at the University of Puerto Rico, where she teaches courses in research, third sector theory, program evaluation and external resources, and offers the course Philanthropy Lab and Social Change at Sagrado Corazón University, sponsored by the Philanthropy Lab in Texas.

She is a member of the AARP Advisory Council and the Board of Directors of Fundación Ángel Ramos.



BACKGROUND OF THE FIRM HIRED TO CONDUCT THE STUDY



- ❖ The study was commissioned to Estudios Técnicos, Inc., Puerto Rico's leading consulting, research and planning firm.
- ❖ ETI was established in 1985, with the mission of contributing to the social and economic development of Puerto Rico through research, studies, and technical consulting for both public and private sector entities.
- ❖ Since its establishment over 40 years ago, ETI has completed more than 3,500 projects across a wide range of topics, that have served as the foundation for the development, implementation, and evaluation of public policies with social, economic, and environmental impact.
- ❖ The firm has an interdisciplinary team of 38 professionals, a fieldwork unit composed of more than 50 interviewers, as well as collaborators in specialized areas with both local and international experience.



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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

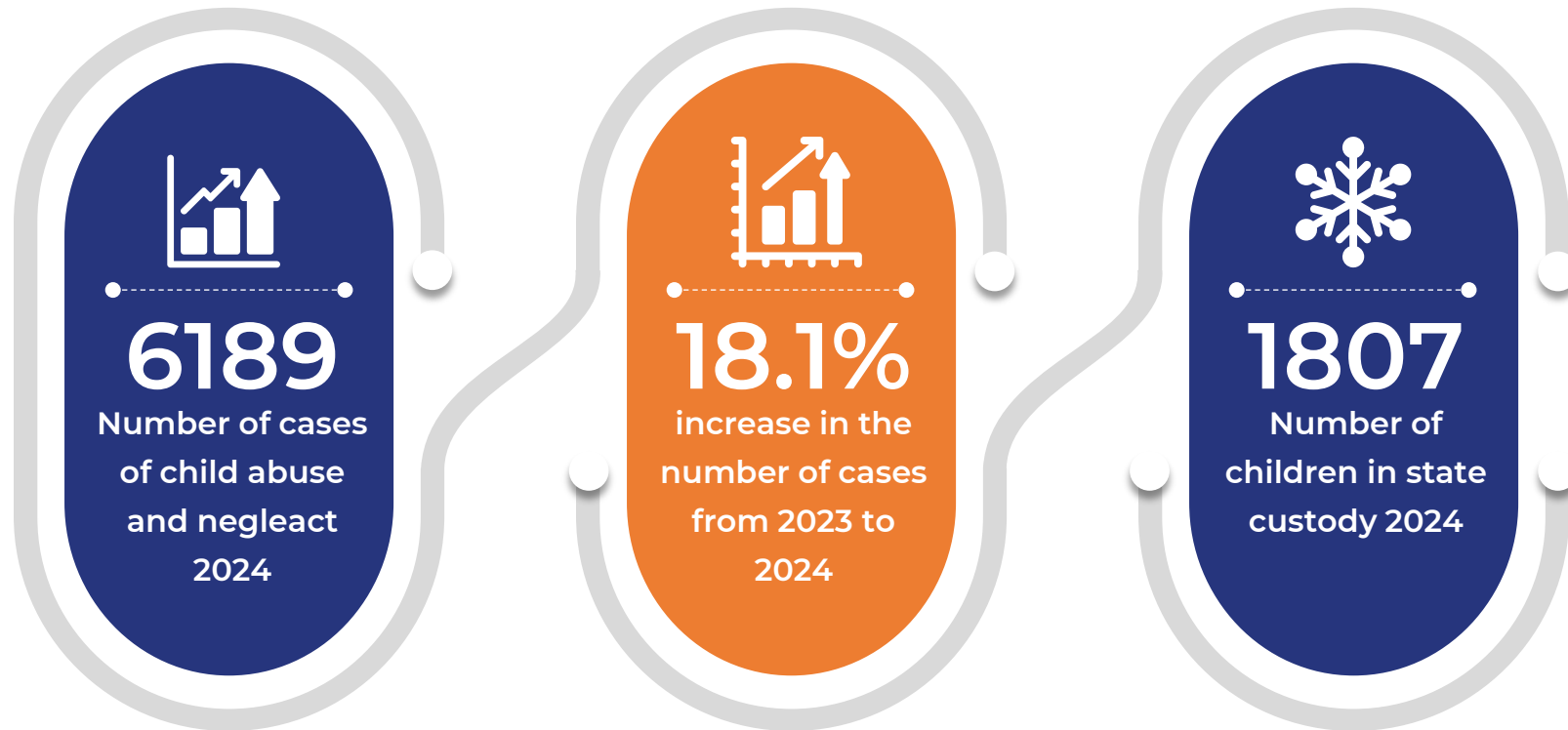
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THE CONTEXT

NUMBER OF CASES OF CHILD VICTIMS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT

During the past years, Puerto Rico has experienced a significant increase in the number of child abuse and neglect cases, reaching the highest number in recent years with 6,189 reported cases in 2024, an increase of 18.1% over the previous year.



PUBLIC POLICY APPLICABLE TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES

- ❖ The response to child abuse or neglect In Puerto Rico is primarily governed by federal and local laws, including the “Family First Prevention Services Act” and “Puerto Rico’s Law 57-2023”, as amended.
- ❖ Effective implementation demands the collaborative engagement of multiple sectors, including child welfare agencies, courts, nonprofit organizations, families and service providers, among others.



Substitute Care

Foster care is the placement of a child subsequent to removal from his or her home, according to the needs of the child and family, with a

- ❖ family resource,
- ❖ in a foster home,
- ❖ **residential facility** (formerly known as a shelter for abused minors), or
- ❖ qualified residential treatment program.



Department of the Family: Initiates the legal action and, if determined by the Court, assumes custody of the child.



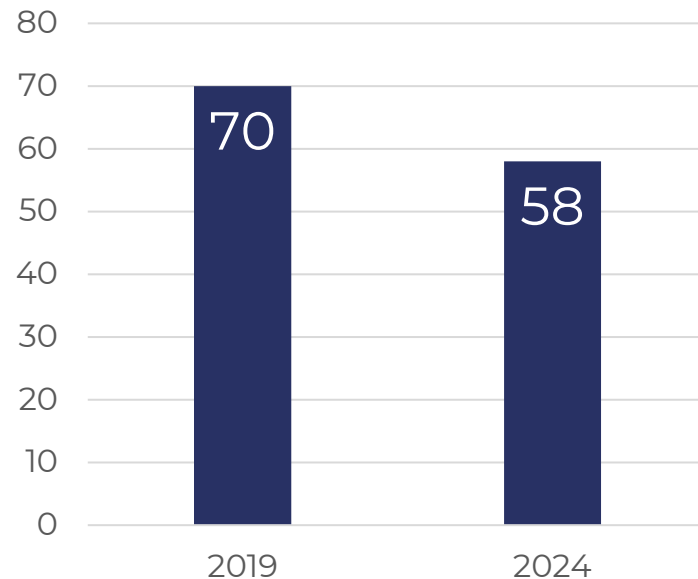
Attorney for Family Affairs (Department of Justice) - Represents the interests of the child.



Trial Court - Determines what is in the best interest of the child based on the facts and orders appropriate action (e.g., protective order; grant emergency, temporary or permanent custody; terminate parental rights of the child's parent; or other).

PUBLIC POLICY IMPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (FORMERLY SHELTERS)

Change in the number of
residential facilities
(formerly shelters)



01

Emphasis on prevention, safe family reunification, and building parental capacity through evidence-based and trauma-informed programs.

02

Redistribution of economic resources, by giving priority to community-based preventive services over traditional residential care.

03

Stricter operational standards for residential institutions implementation of new licensing and accreditation requirements, along with standards that promote family-like environments increasing operational costs for institutions.

CHILDREN SERVED BY THE ORGANIZATION THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY IN 2024

29



Average number of children served in 2024 per organization

Median number of children served in 2024 per organization

Of the total number of children served by your organization in 2024, approximately how many (Median):

CHILDREN

15



Remained in the institution in 2025

5



Transferred to another institution

5



Were reunified with their family

2



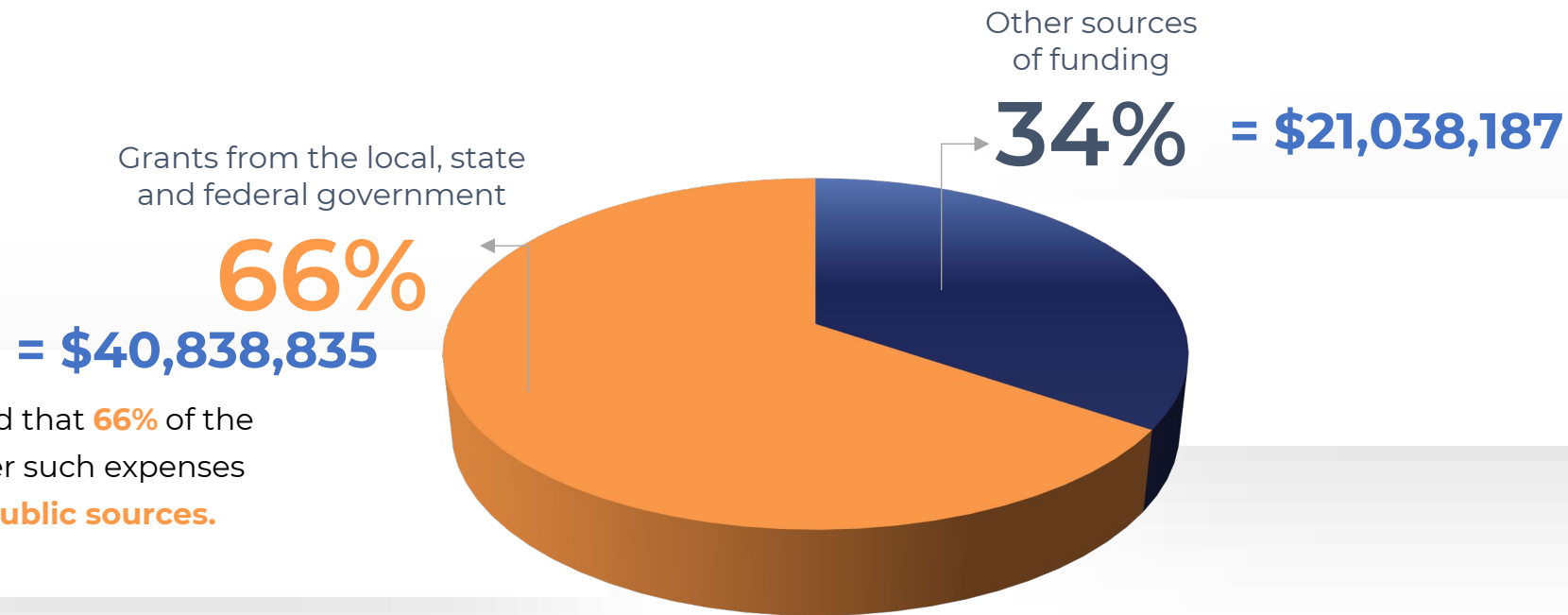
Were adopted

DISTRIBUTION OF SOURCES OF INCOME FOR THE PAST YEAR (2024)

	Mean	Median	% of Income
Total donations (Contributions)	\$878,666	\$847,403	81.0%
Program Service Revenue	\$37,957	\$0	3.5%
Membership or enrollment dues and special contributions	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Interests	\$935	\$39	0.1%
Dividends	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Net Rental	\$3,715	\$0	0.3%
Other Investment Income	\$1,212	\$0	0.1%
Gain or Loss on Sale of Assets	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Net Income from Fund Raising	\$102,839	\$44,886	9.5%
Net Income from Sales	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other Revenue	\$60,102	\$26,765	5.5%
YOUR ORGANIZATION'S TOTAL REVENUE FOR 2024	\$1,085,426	\$1,135,705	100.00%

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES AND SOURCES OF FUNDS

Functional Expenses for the 58 institutions are estimated in **\$61,877,023**.



It is estimated that **66%** of the funds to cover such expenses come **from public sources**.



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**BENEFITS OF
INVESTING IN THESE**



ECONOMIC IMPACT AND COST-BENEFIT OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

(ESTIMATED BASED ON A SURVEY TO A SAMPLE OF 9 OF THE 58 INSTITUTION THAT COMPOSE THE UNIVERSE OF FACILITIES).

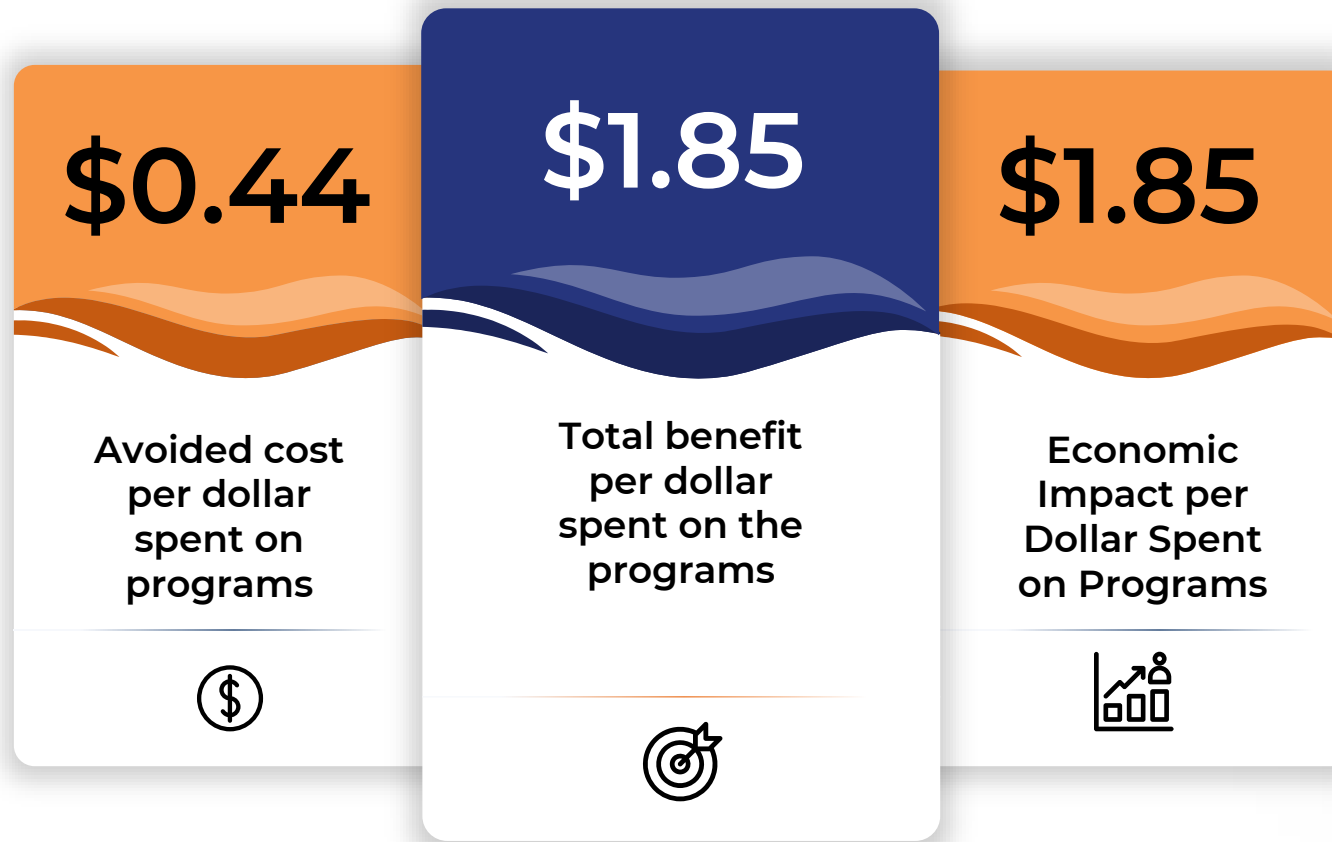
Concept	Total
Avoided cost	
Expected increase in participants' income	\$13,935,476
Reduction in crime	\$6,557,202
Savings in health care costs	\$6,476,426
Subtotal - avoided cost	\$26,969,104
Economic impact	
Indirect and induced economic activity	\$99,844,419
Payment to human resources by organizations	\$33,818,922
Indirect and induced payroll employment	\$50,418,208
Value of time dedicated to the program by volunteers	\$1,622,595
Direct, indirect and induced tax impact	\$13,079,861
Subtotal - economic impact	\$114,546,875
Total	\$141,515,979

While nonprofit organizations contribute to addressing the social problems that affect us and to improving our quality of life, they also represent a force of economic impact through the creation of jobs and the consumption of goods and services. In the case of the institutions under study, it is estimated that the \$61 million in functional expenses contributed to generating \$141.5 million in the economy.



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Therefore, for every dollar spent, these organizations generate \$2.29 in economic benefits.



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