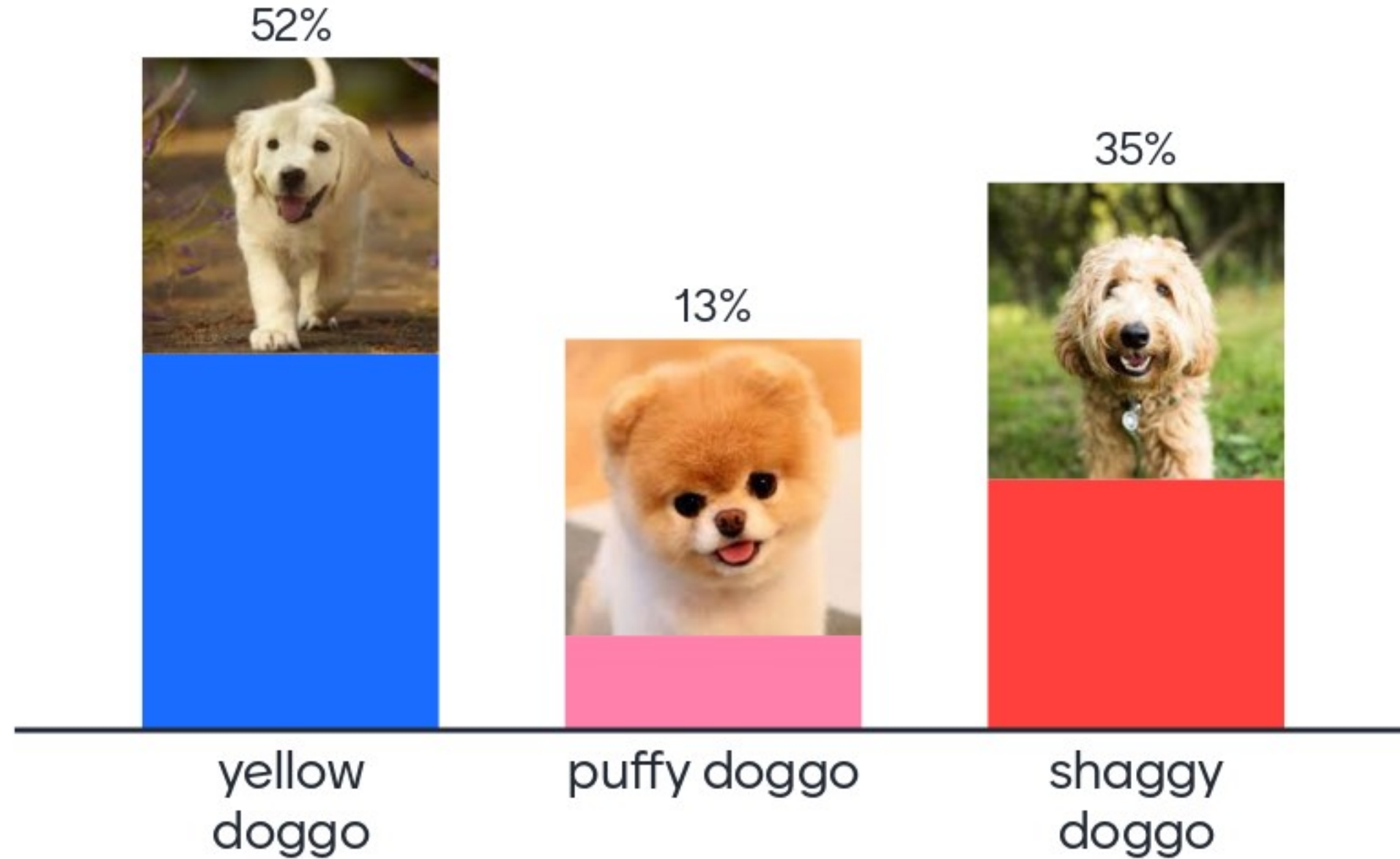# Local Government Responses to COVID-19

The COVID19 Pandemic has had significant social and economic impacts on communities across Western Australia. Local Governments have made adjustments to their operations across the board, including their responses to crime and community safety. 26% of respondents to the Markyt Community Resilience Scorecard research undertaken in mid 2020 rated community safety and crime prevention as the main recovery priority for Local Government. How has your organisation responded to COVID19?
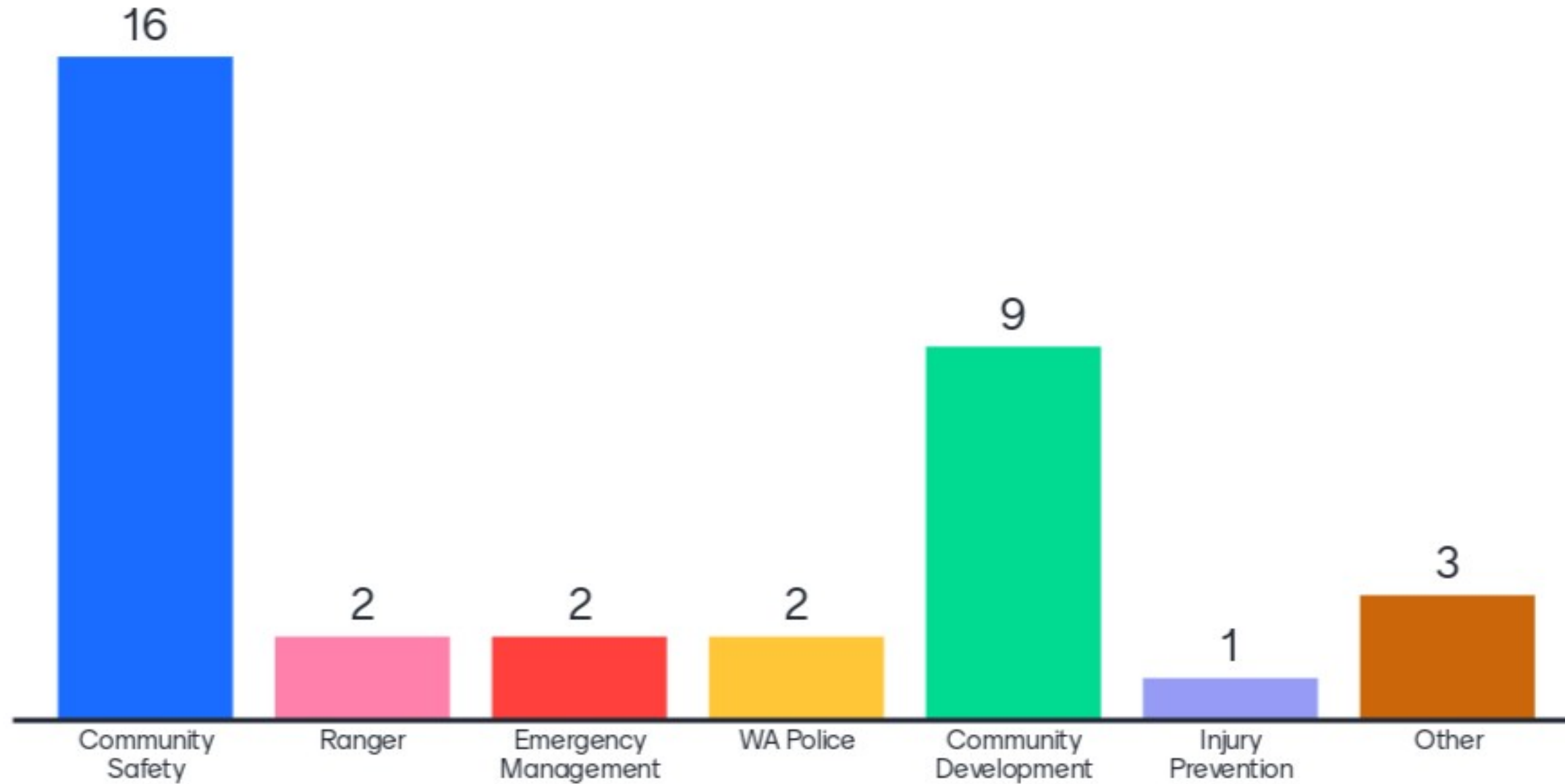
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Which is the cutest dog?

Where do you work?

city of cockburn

mandurah

east kimberley

kununurra

local government

wa police force

utopia

city of melville

city of mandurah

city of gosnells

perth

city of belmont

city of rockingham

shire of east pilbara

city of kalamunda

city of south perth

city of vincent

town of bassendean

city of kwinana

injury matters

What changes have you seen in crime since the start of the COVID19 Pandemic?

Lower crime rate reported	Reduction in recorded crime	Change in crime levels
Quiter on streets initially	Less burglary and stealing from vehicle's	More alcohol related crimes
Initial reduction in minor crimes	seems to have lowered	Reduced crime.

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What changes have you seen in crime since the start of the COVID19 Pandemic?

Increase in family and domestic violence	Crime down	Increase in domestic violence
Increase grafitti	Reduction in overall crime however more serious offences occurring.	Increased community connection
Reduction of Crime	Less assault - bars and clubs closed	More crimes within the confines of homes eg DV

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What changes have you seen in crime since the start of the COVID19 Pandemic?

more domestic and family related incidents	More take out	More natural/passive surveillance
Reduction in drug related crime	Crazy in night areas as restrctions eased	Visible crime reduced
Reduction in vehicle/home burgs - more people at home etc.	Increase in bike theft	Increase in drug-related offences

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What changes have you seen in crime since the start of the COVID19 Pandemic?

Less antisocial behaviour

Historic reporting of FDV after isolation - couldn't report from home

More community users relying on emergency services

Increase in DV

Reduction in burglariesReduction in retail theftIncrease in graffitiReduced issues at night with no alcohol

More street drinking

More community connections

Theft decreased

More Community connections made with neighbours

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What changes have you seen in crime since the start of the COVID19 Pandemic?

Decrease in anti-social behaviour

more online crime

Juvenile crime down as perceived needs being met at home with increase Centrelink payments

More community members living on the poverty line

Increased noise complaints

More deaths within the homeless community

Decrease in drug offenses

Issues with queues outside bars

Increased graffiti

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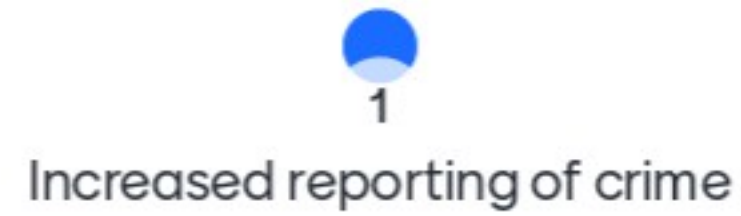
Increase in graffiti.

Less people out in public spaces - more homeless people visible

Reported increase DFV within emergency services, but not reflected within WAPOL stats

Increased graffiti

Higher alcohol-use within the community

Increased drug prices reported by police

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What impact do you believe these changes in crime have had on the local community?

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People have felt less safe

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Increased reporting of crime

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People have felt safer

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No impact

What new community initatives has your organisation introduced?

1st — Extra support for vulnerable community members

2nd — New grant programs

3rd — Increased security patrols

4th — Homelessness Response

5th — Domestic Violence Response
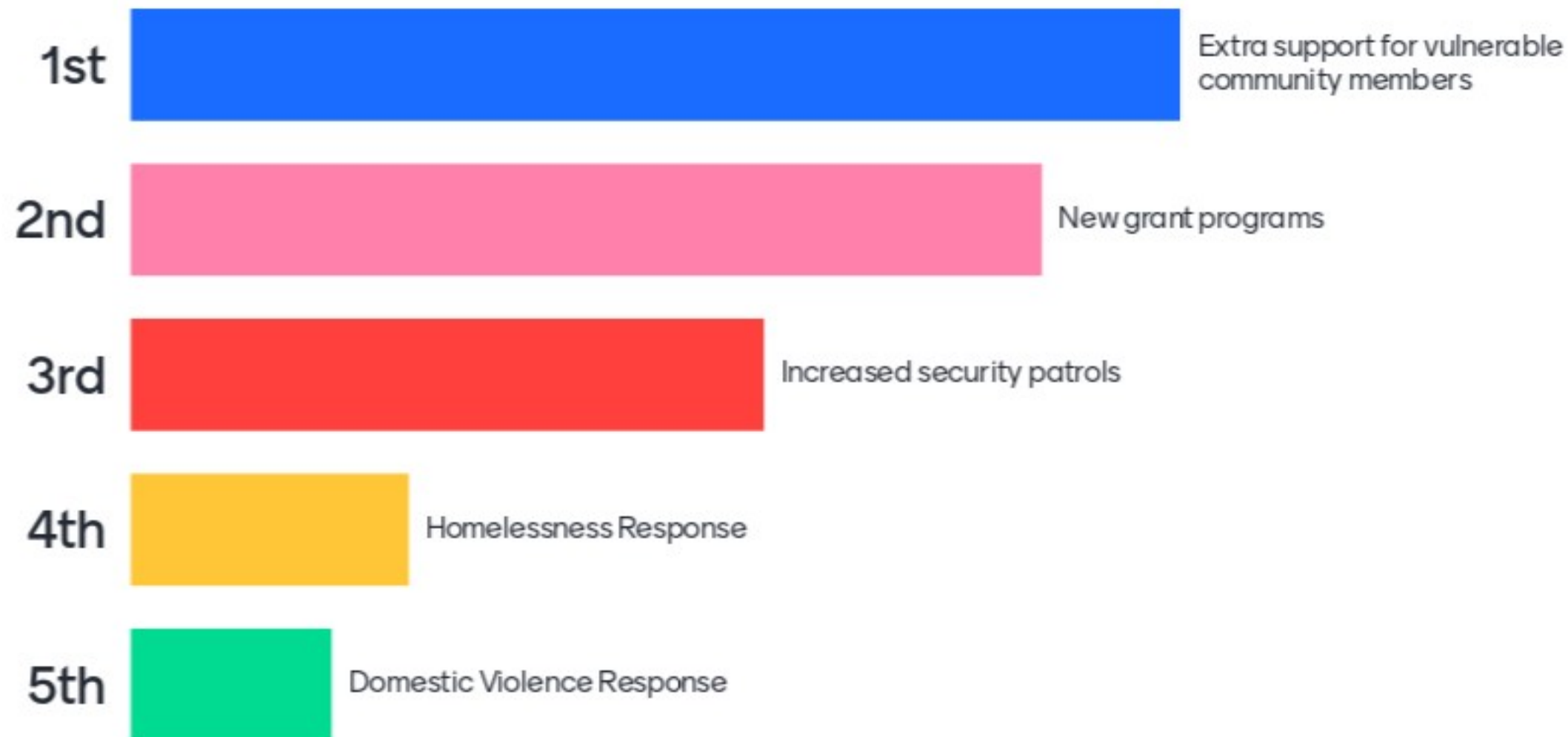
What other community initiatives have you been working on?

Increasing neighbourhood connection

Bikelinc

Help line for community

Awareness raising

Liquor Accord - support for venues during restrictions

Online exercises for the elderly

Streets Meets Neighbour Program

Community patrols for social distancing

Grants for sporting clubs

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What other community initiatives have you been working on?

Increasing neighbour connections	Supporting CALD community	Support line for community
Increased connection with multicultural groups	Pivoted program to allow for neighbourhood connections digitally and further across the City	Bikelinc
Bikelinc	Grants for community groups	Bikelinc

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What other community initiatives have you been working on?

Direct community involvement in choosing LG spend on recovery prjprojects ects

Space activation to decrease antisocial behaviour and graffiti

Building neighbour connections

Info sharing - new social media pages and newsletters

Bikelinc

Grants for community groups

Safety and security - short videos

Street basketball programHip Hop program through local CollegeYouth engagement

Youth engagement

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What other community initiatives have you been working on?

Charging no fees for community group the have leases of council buildings

Phone calls to vulnerable community members

Retail crime

Business event

Developing Neighbourhood support programs, grants for rate payers, residents and community groups and sport clubs, developing a local support services database

Promoting Community re-connection

Financial support for a wide range of organisations

Increaseing neighbourhood connections

Programs to support sporting groups

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What other community initiatives have you been working on?

Community support funding for community groups

Ways to share vital information for those with no internet/devices

Promoting community connection

Social media information sharing

Building partnerships with stakeholders to move forward within the recovery space

Bikelinc

Increased electronic access to support services, council meetings etc to keep community involved and connected

Information distributed through Meals on Wheels.

Bicycle registration programHome and business security assessments

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What other community initiatives have you been working on?

Support administration of community grants

Helping Hands Project to help the vulnerable people with daily tasks during COVID

Home and business security appraisals

Phone calls to community groups

community Safety Packs

Helping orgs retain/recruit volunteers

Safecity strategy consulation

Developing community leaders

Bike registration program

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What other community initiatives have you been working on?

Financial assistance support and packages for LG payments i.e. rates/fees

Deferring rate rises

Promoting no alcohol before 18 messaging

Buy Local/Shop Local

Facilitate training through webinars

Increasing accessibility to crime prevention and safety information

Nighttime security and regular CCTV checks of empty facilities

Social media information sharing

Ways to keep meetings online

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What other community initiatives have you been working on?

Community connection programs, support for local services, youth H&W programs.

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What community safety and crime prevention initiatives form part of your Local Governments recovery plan?

Security patrols	Creating FDV interagency network	Vulnerable Communities interagency network
Interagency networks can meet digitally through Zoom	Economic stimulus. Bringing forward shovel ready projects	Restart Grants
Fast track community facilities in parks	Financial support for community groups	Collaboration with NFP organisations

What community safety and crime prevention initiatives form part of your Local Governments recovery plan?

Buy Local Shop Local

Regular City/Police networking meetings

Continue with approach identified in covid

Invite representatives and stakeholders to be a part of local recovery planning workshop

Homeless and Street Present Strategic Plan

Reduced rates

Be a Good Local program - shop local - introductiosn to local business owners electronically

Increasing space for hospitality business to increase number of patrons (e.g. using car parking space)

What stakeholders/businesses/representatives are being involved in LGA's recovery planning workshops?

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Do you have any questions?

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