

# Economic Recession: Impact on Halton Serving Agencies

Presentation to Health & Social Services Committee

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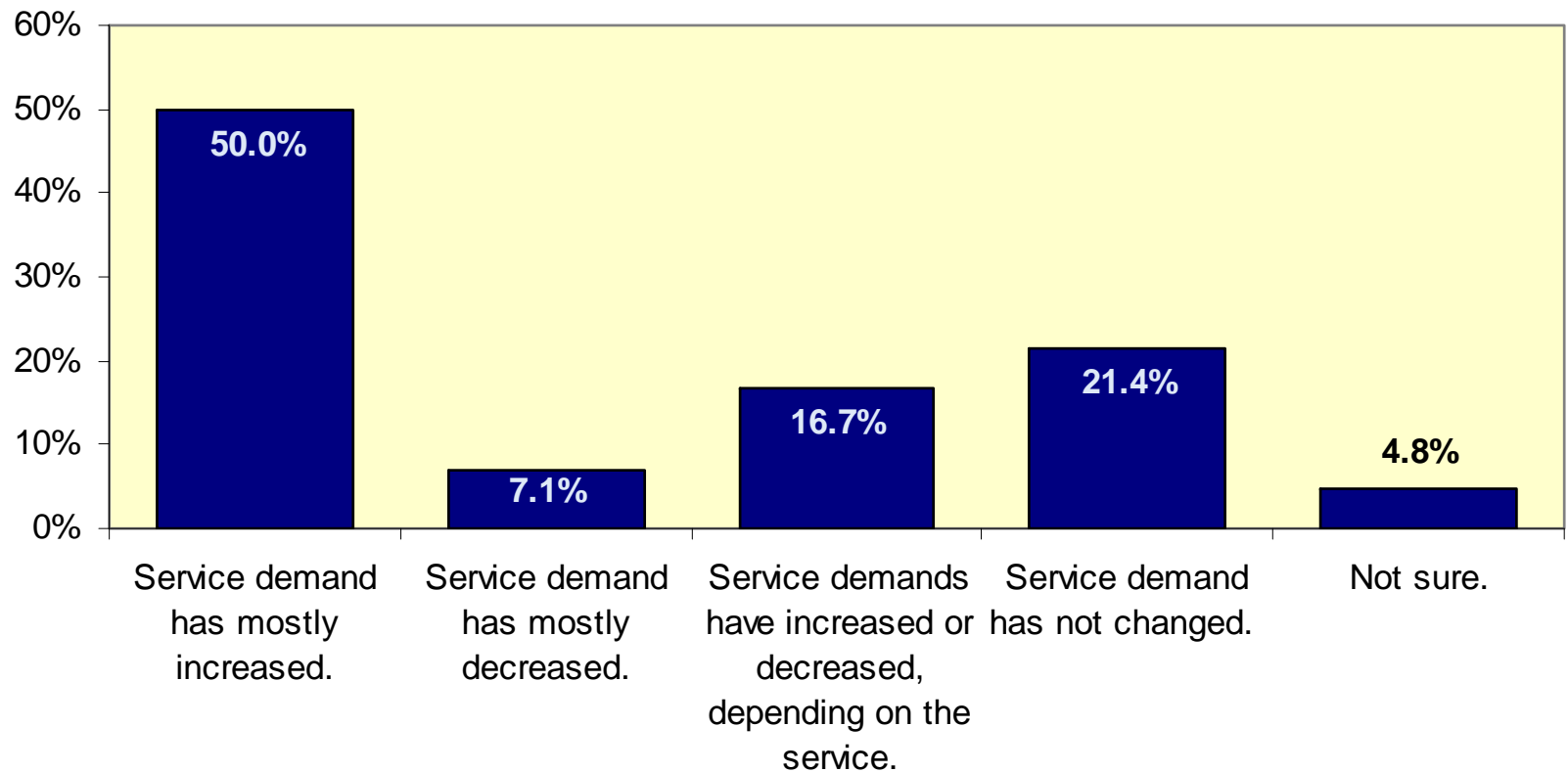


# Introduction

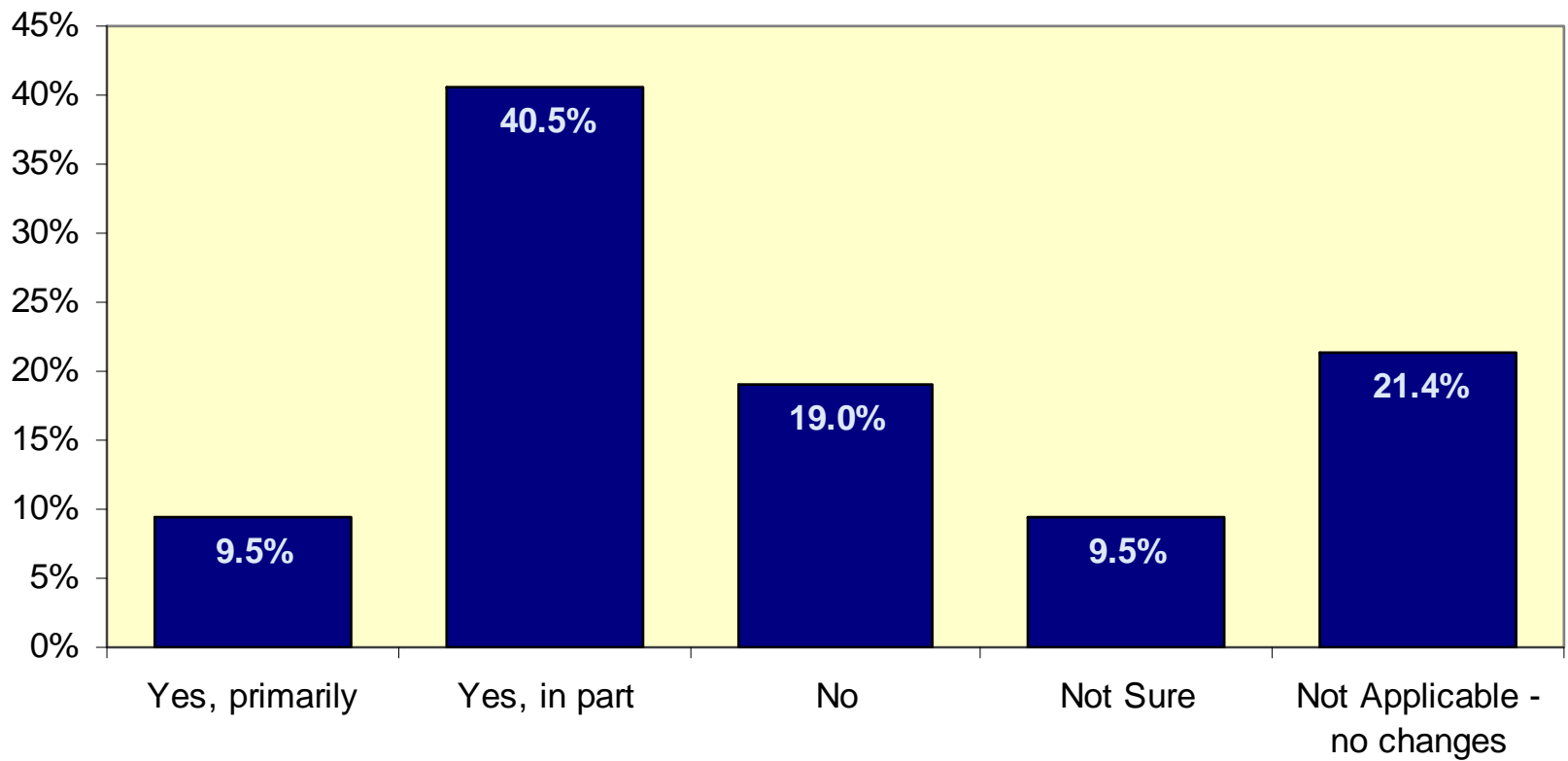
- The purpose of this study is to identify the impact of the current global recession on social service agencies serving Halton.
- To document their capacity to provide their services throughout the community
- Survey sent in April 2009 to Halton agencies as part of a provincial SPNO survey
- Case study, in collaboration with UWO, to assess specific impacts on Oakville agencies



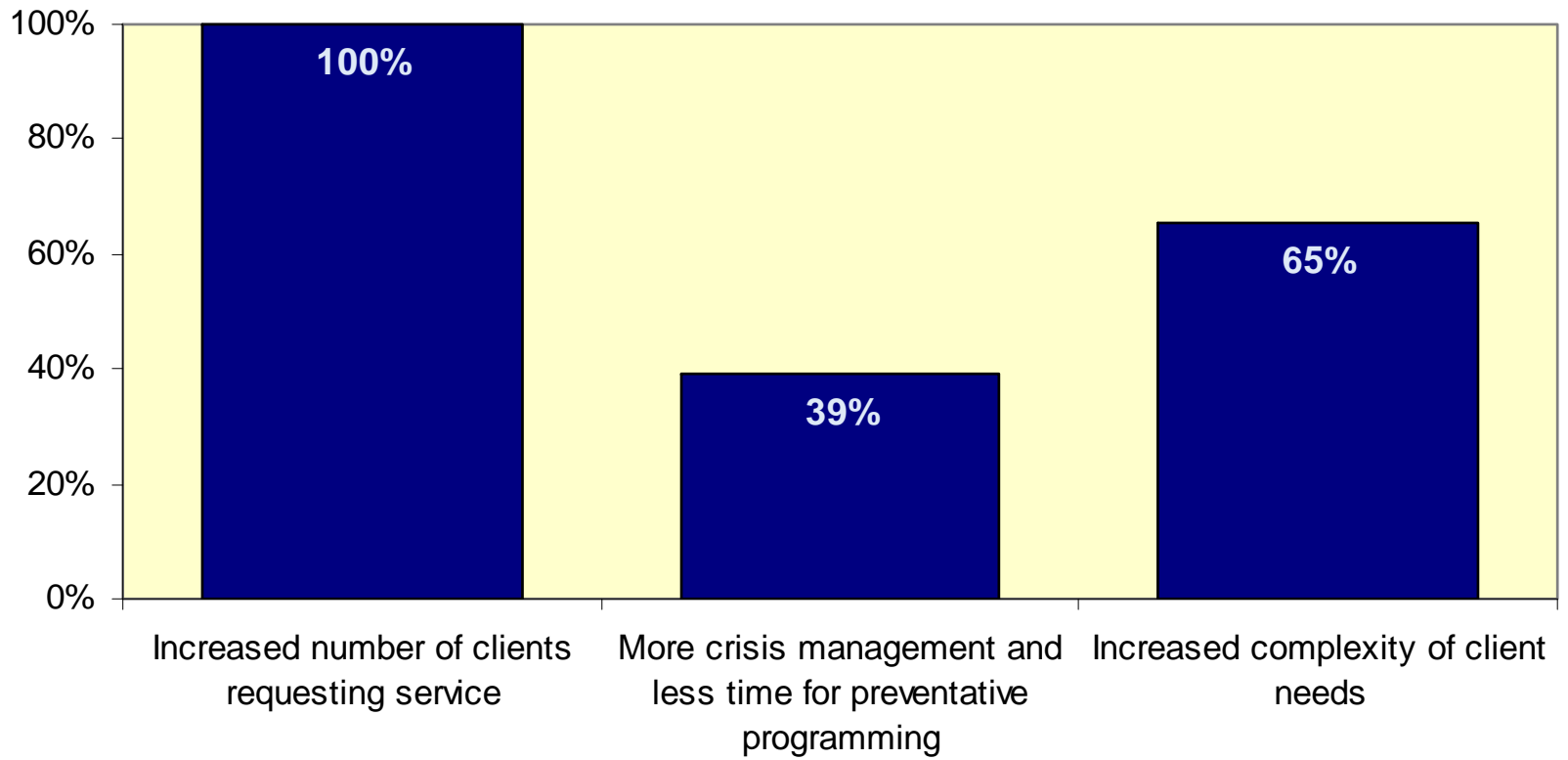
**Since September 2008, have any of your programs seen changes in service demands? (n=42)**



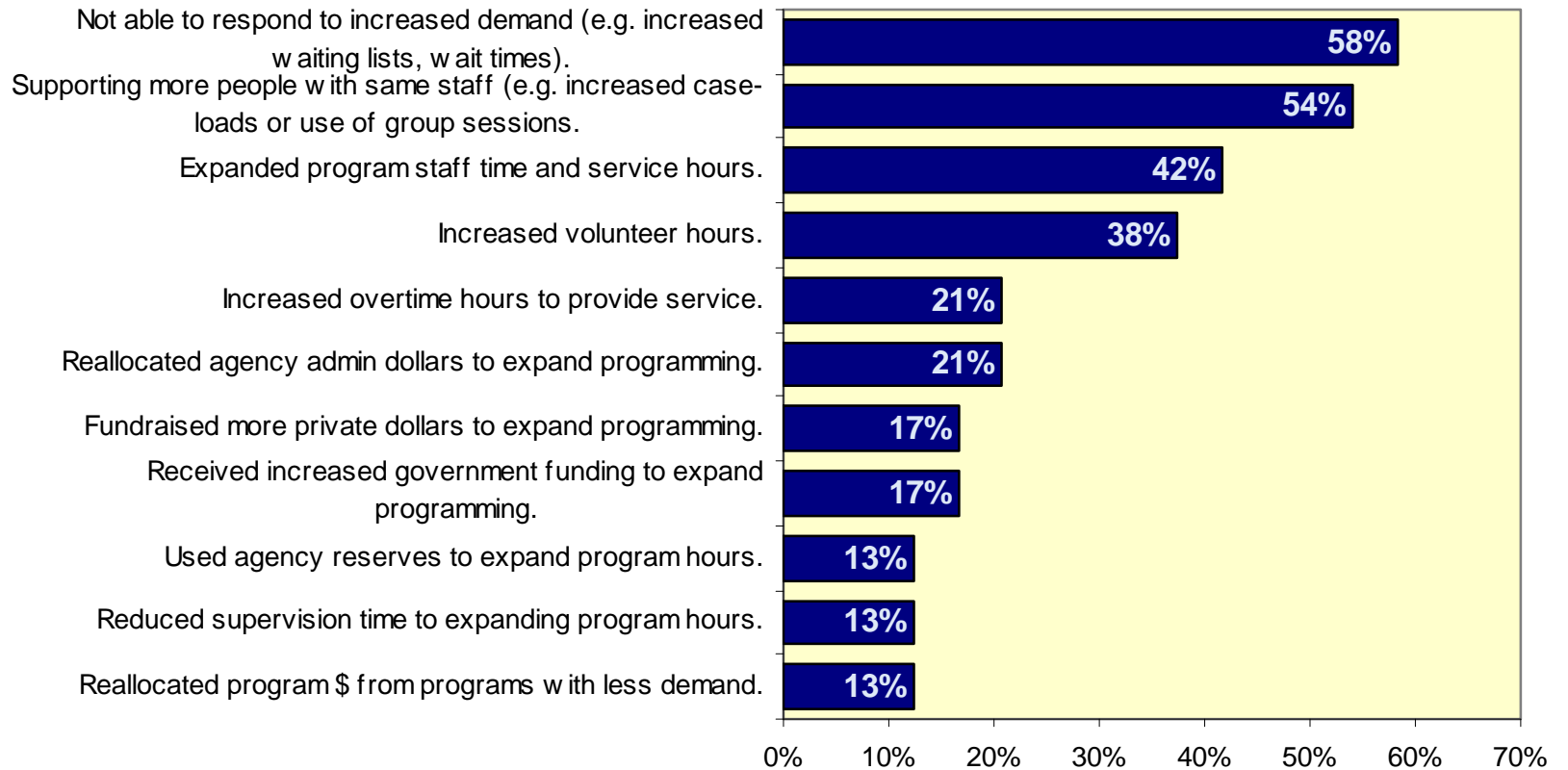
**Do you attribute changes in service demands to the worsening economic situation? (n=42)**



**Please tell us about the increased demand in these programs/services  
(n=23)**



### How you are responding to these increased demands? (n=24)



# The Story of the Impact

- Recession & Demand
- Waiting for Help
- Resources to Respond
- Survival Skills
- Clients: Multiple Vulnerabilities
- Staff
- Volunteers: Making a Difference



# Funding Changes – Immediate & Projected

- Most organizations predict that their funding from government sources will primarily remain the same or increase.
- However, agencies anticipate more volatility from local funding sources, such as United Way/foundations, private donors or self generated income.





# Observation

- The combined impact of population growth, the growing need for services resulting from the recession and the long-term lack of investment in human services planning and the social agencies providing care are the antecedents of a ‘perfect storm.’

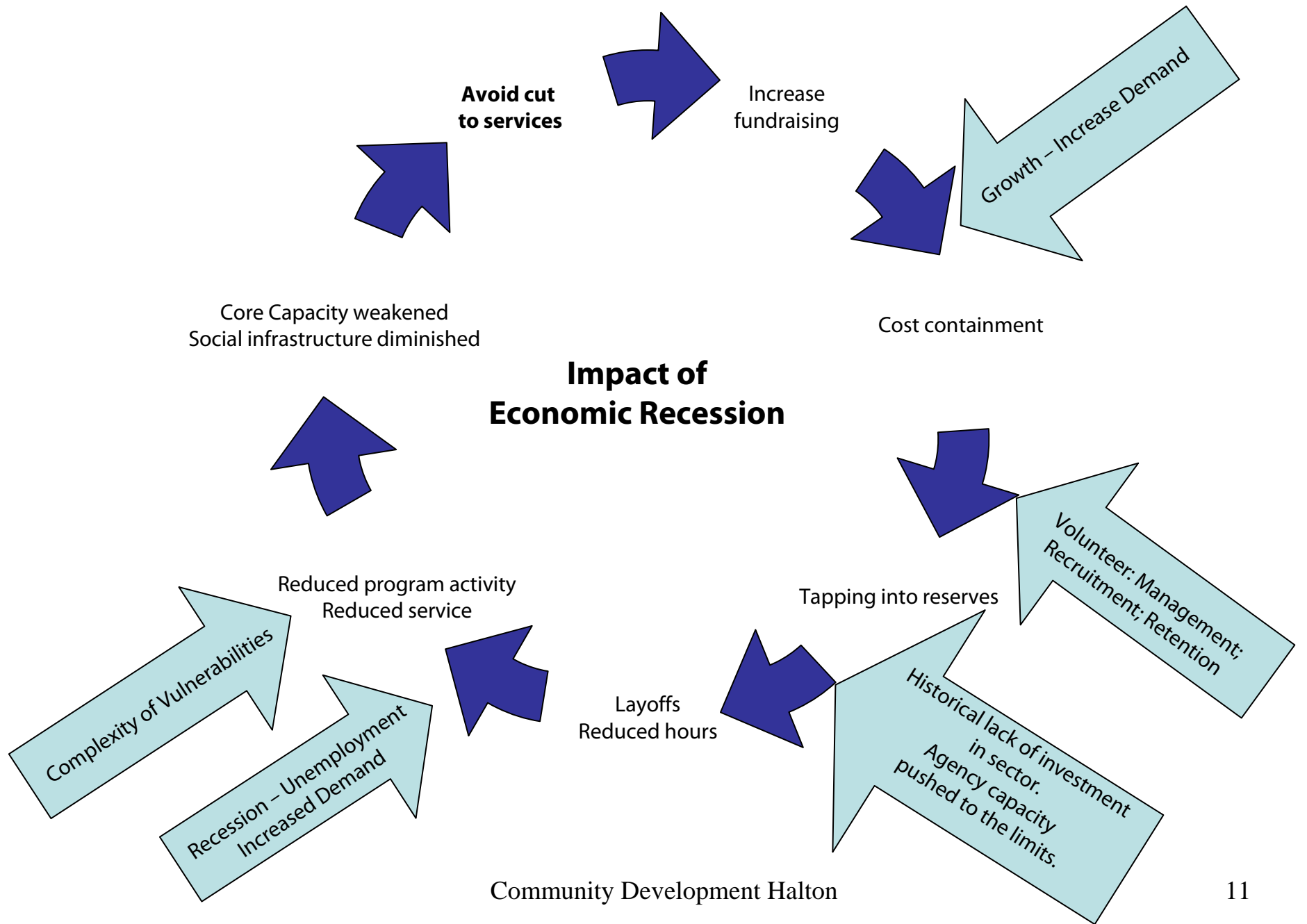


# Observations: Building Community Resilience

- Mission Impossible: Funding
- Organizational Capacity & Innovation
- Networks of Solidarity: Communities of Practice
- Communication for Transparency
- Meaningful Policy & Proactive
  - Human Services Plan



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