

# Top Annual Survey Results

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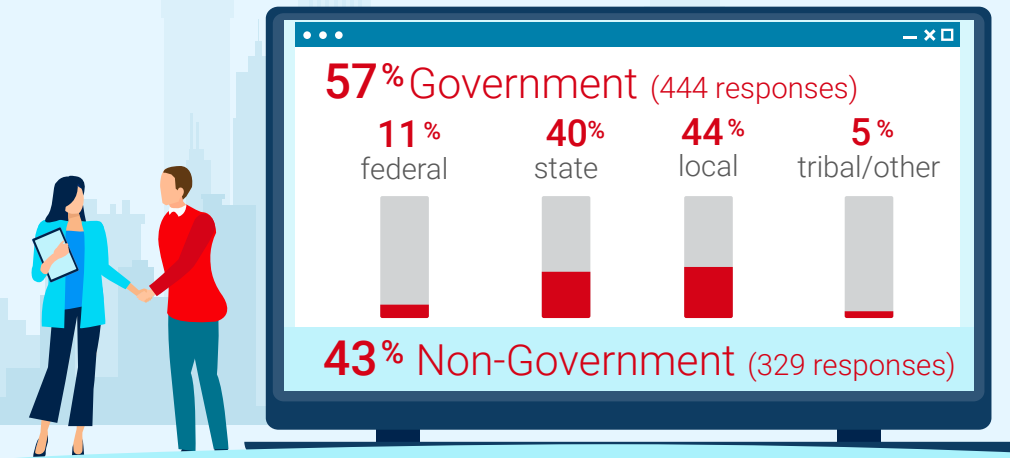
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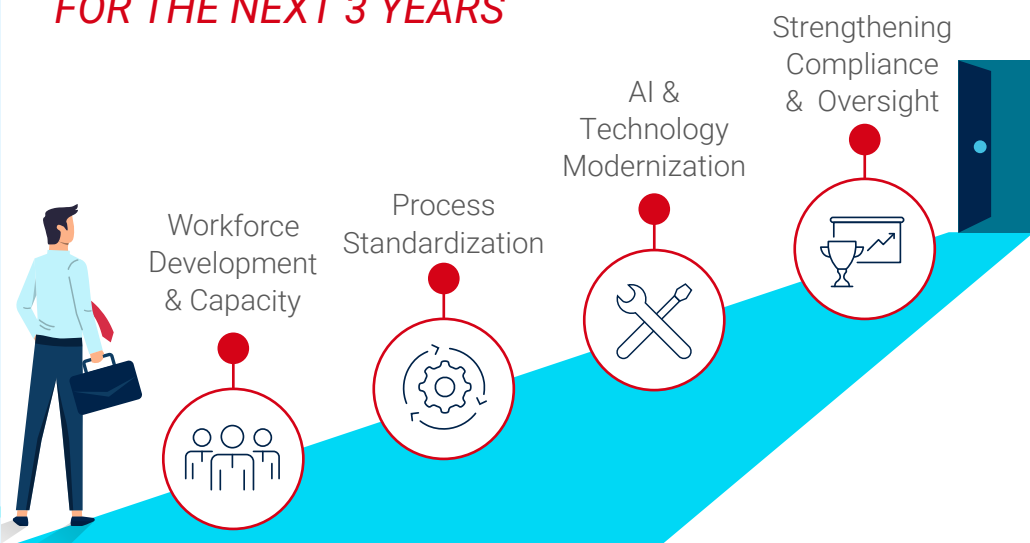
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## WHO FROM THE GRANTS COMMUNITY RESPONDED?



## TOP GRANT MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS



## THE FUTURE: DIGITAL, DATA-DRIVEN, BUT MORE COMPLEX LOOKING FORWARD



## 75% OF RESPONDENTS RANK FINANCIAL MONITORING IN THEIR TOP 3 ACTIVITIES

### Top Time-Consuming Activities

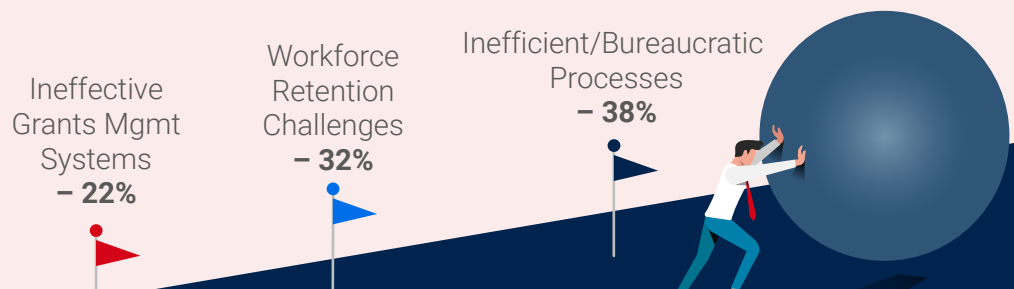
1. Financial Monitoring
2. Pre-Award Activities
3. Compliance Oversight
4. Program Management
5. Impact Evaluation

### Key Insights

- Time is heavily concentrated on compliance—not impact.
- Performance Outcomes and Impact Measurement needs more attention.

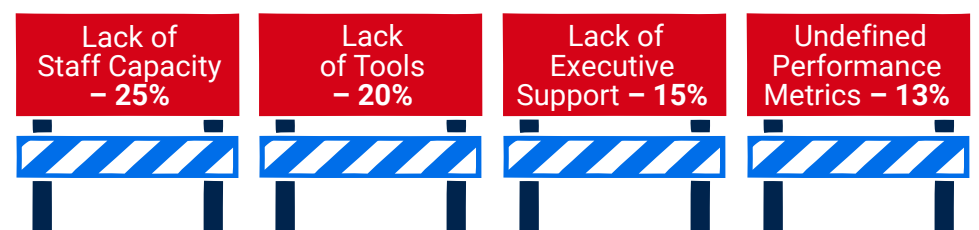
## BIGGEST CHALLENGES

70%+ SAID FUNDING UNCERTAINTY & POLITICAL VOLATILITY WAS #1



~ 55% REPORT NO MEASURABLE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT OR CANNOT MEASURE IMPACT

### Key Barriers:



## TECHNOLOGY & AI

### Where AI Delivers the Most Value:



AI IS EXPANDING ACROSS THE LIFECYCLE, BUT IMPACT IS STRONGEST IN EARLY AND REPORTING STAGES