

Texas Farm Resilience Collaborative

Putting the Heart in Hardiness

2021 Winter Freeze Farmer Relief Response & Beyond

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What I'll Share Today

2021 Freeze Impact

Collaborative Response

What We Learned

Going Forward

February 14, 2021 Texas Deep Freeze

- ◉ Winter storm Uri greatly disrupted the local food chain
- ◉ Many farmers experienced total crop failure
- ◉ Some livestock operations were decimated
- ◉ Power outages exacerbated problems



Farmers & Ranchers Reported...

"Loss of winter crops, spring seedlings/transplants, and bursted pipes."

"We lost 2 full greenhouses of tomatoes because we lost power to our heaters, 2,800 plants. This was about 90% of our revenue. We have replanted other crops now, but will not see income from them for a couple months. This freeze was a huge set back for our farm."

"We lost chickens and 10 hives of bees also due to the power outage we lost all our plant starts and plants to sell. We will now have to try and find and buy more seeds to start over."

"...Our 4500 laying hens dropped to a 30% production and still haven't come out of it since the freeze. Estimated \$700 day in lost egg revenue."

"Farm store and farmers market had to be canceled. Failure to continue seeding succession. Loss of all spring starts. Busted irrigation."

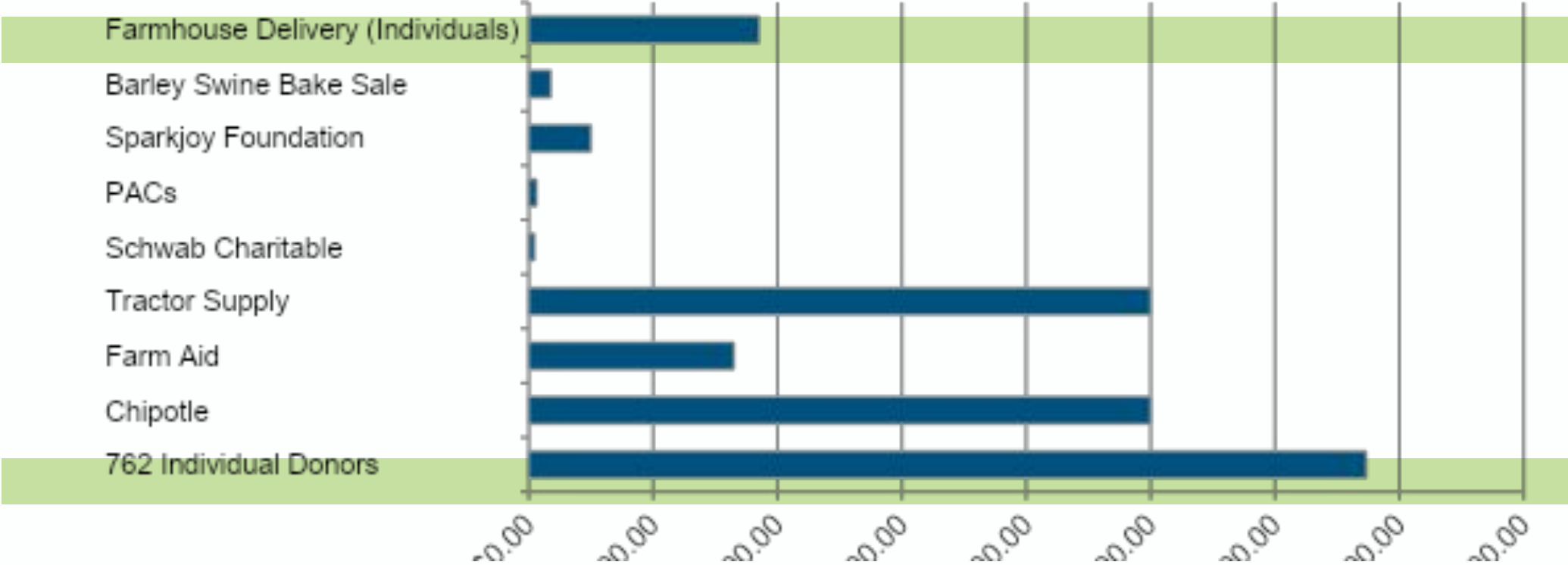
"Loss of mother cows and calves frozen"

"Frozen pipes for bringing water to the poultry house. Loss of crops and revenue which was planned to be used as payment for the farmland."

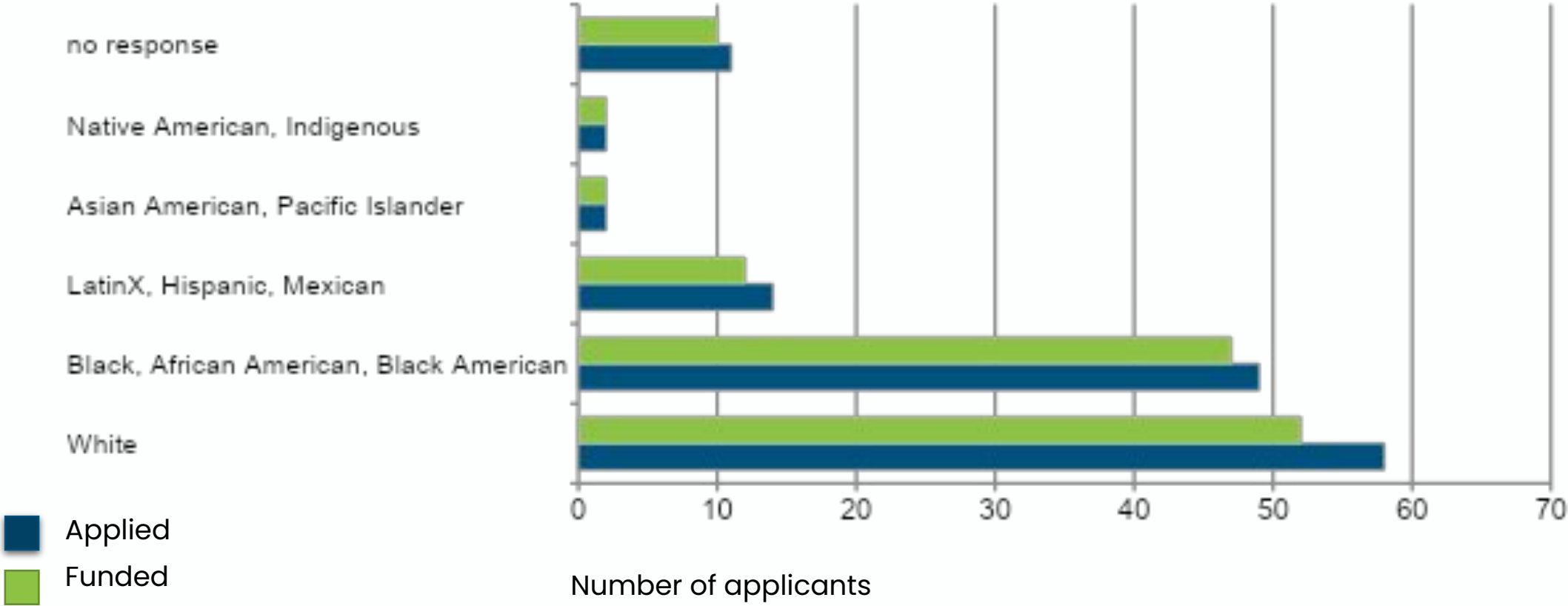
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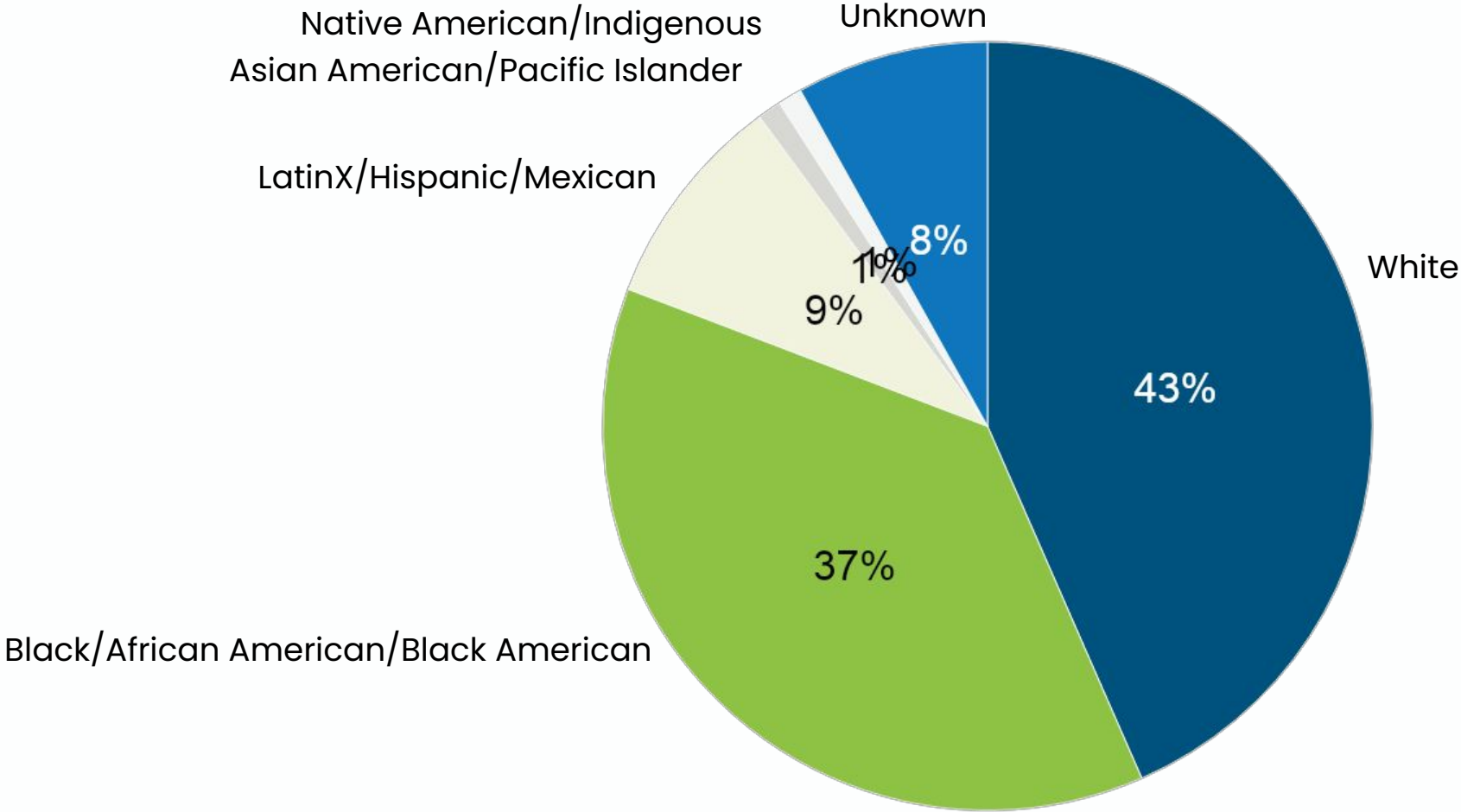
Sources of Funds



Participant Diversity by Race & Ethnicity



Participant Diversity Percentages of Total



Collaborative Farmers Relief Program — Going Forward

- ◉ Program infrastructure and processes are now in place
- ◉ Strengthening the program and sharing it
- ◉ Getting funding





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