Shifting Perspectives with Lived Expertise

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Building a neighbor engagement program

Why Magnify Oklahoma?

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Vision:

An Oklahoma where no one goes hungry.

How do we achieve this vision:

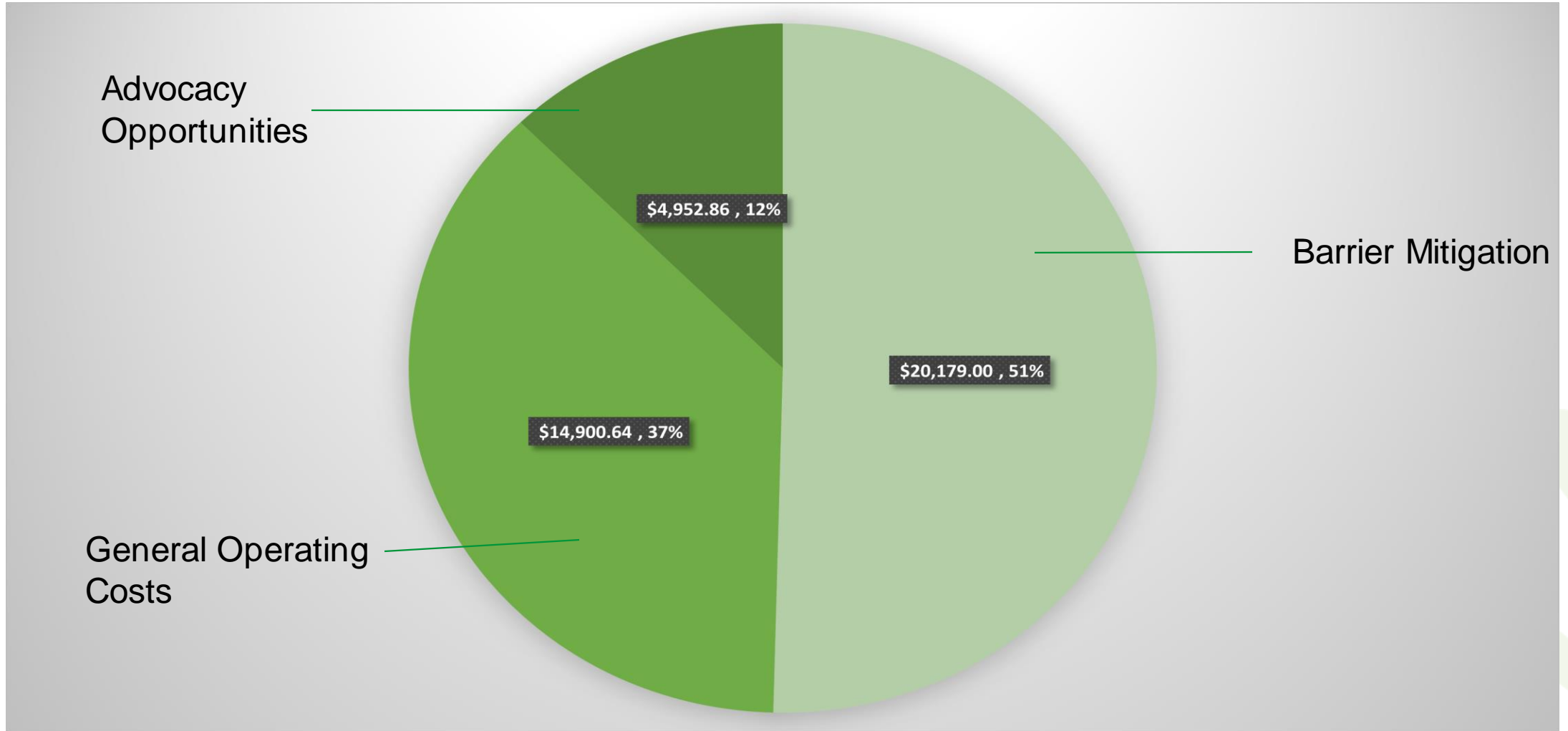By centering the voices of those with lived expertise in our work.

About Magnify Oklahoma

- Nine-month program
- Prepares participants to confidently engage in hunger prevention strategies and food security efforts
- Provides advocacy opportunities for neighbors
- Create space for authentic involvement with the Regional Food Bank after the training to advise, inform and improve our work
- Builds collective power; shifting power back to those who have been impacted directly by food insecurity

Building the program

- Feeding America's Neighbors Empowerment and Advocacy Training (NEAT) Grant

- Researching neighbor engagement programs
  - Capital Area Food Bank's Client Leadership Council
  - Oregon Food Bank's Policy Leadership Council

- Assembled an internal working group to guide decisions related to neighbor engagement work

Magnify Oklahoma Pilot Expenses

Advocacy Opportunities — $4,952.86 , 12%

Barrier Mitigation — $20,179.00 , 51%

General Operating Costs — $14,900.64 , 37%

Q&A

Lessons learned

Main Takeaways

1. No roadmap for neighbor engagement work

2. Informed consent
   1. Ensure neighbors understand the potential tax implications of participating

3. Dignity = choices & compensation

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