



MAKING AN IMPACT ON NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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MUNFA members relationship to the province shows just how deeply their work is woven into the cultural and economic life of the province.

The majority of the MUNFA members answering the survey – **93%** - felt that their research has benefited Newfoundland and Labrador. The average response was a **quite strong** 3.3 on a scale of 1 (Not relevant) to 4 (Very relevant).

The work of MUNFA members also has tangible employment impacts in Newfoundland and Labrador. The 220 MUNFA members who filled out this survey collectively **employed 855 people** – graduate and undergraduate students, post-docs, and research assistants. **This is a ratio of 4.1 people employed per MUNFA member.**

MUNFA members also make an impact on Newfoundland and Labrador by drawing in large amounts of funding and in-kind support from a wide range sources both outside and within the province.

About a third (34%) of respondents reported that community engagement was not adequately valued. It is clear that experiences vary significantly depending on the discipline of the MUNFA member.

Out of province support

MUNFA members make an impact on Newfoundland and Labrador by drawing in large amounts of funding and in-kind support from a wide range of out-of-province sources. Figure 2, below, shows the scale of these transfers over the last 5 years, with almost **40%** of respondents bringing in **more than \$100,000** over that period.

Figure 2 – Out-of-province support

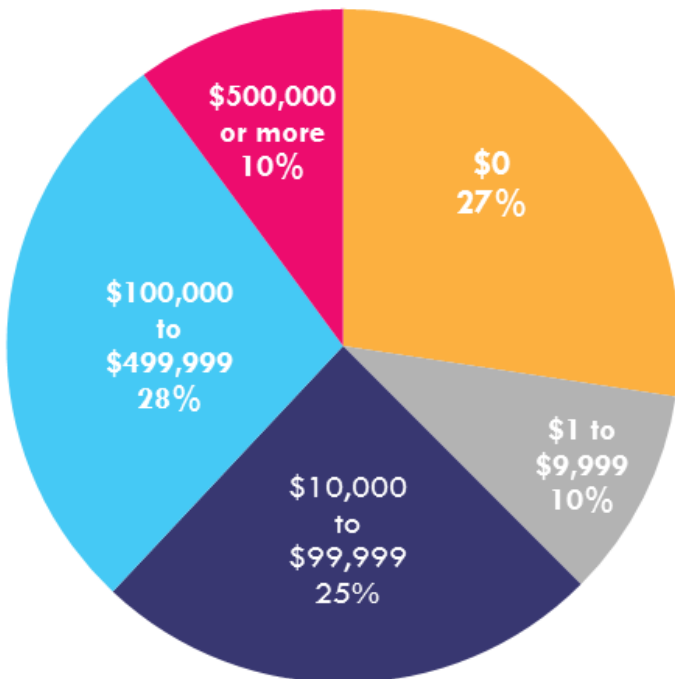
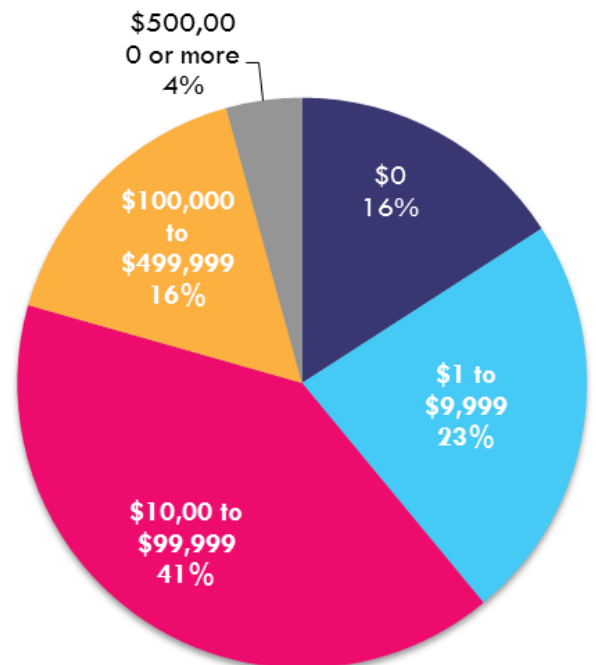


Figure 3 Within-province support



In province support

By comparison, as Figure 3 shows, over the same five-year period, **20%** of the group brought in **more than \$100,000** in support from sources *within* Newfoundland and Labrador.

Community engagement

The community engagement work that MUNFA members takes on impacts a wide range of organizations, as Table 1 below shows

In particular, MUNFA members work is clearly a major asset to both community organizations and the Provincial government.

MUNFA members are also frequent participants in public affairs – Table 2, below, shows how often the survey group get involved.

Type of organization benefitting	% of respondents
Community organizations and non-profits	61.8%
Municipal governments	24.2%
Provincial government departments	58.6%
Federal government departments	41.4%
Small and medium-sized businesses	30.1%
Large corporations	21.5%
Political parties	8.1%
Labour organizations	9.7%
Indigenous organizations, communities, and governments	25.3%
Other	29.0%

This is far from an exhaustive list; when asked, faculty cited dozens of other ways that they engage with the broader community, from advising potential students to doing pro bono work for local charities.

	# of times/year					
	0	1-2	2-3	3-4	5-6	6+
Providing comment on any type of media	33	41	10	3	4	7
Participating in community meetings	26	40	11	5	4	12
Making submissions to government	52	31	6	3	1	0
Partnering with community organizations	39	33	12	5	1	8
Engaging community organizations or community members in research	35	27	11	7	1	14
Working with government agencies	38	34	7	5	3	8