

Preliminary Findings of The Review of Programs and Measures of Local Governments on the Expenditure of Funds From the Surcharge on Spirit or Liquor Beverage Containers of Fifty Milliliters or Less (Nips)



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Background

- ▶ Public Act 21-58, Section 10 established a 5 cent surcharge on all miniature alcohol bottles of 50ml or less
- ▶ The surcharge took effect in October 2021
- ▶ Wholesalers collect the funds and distribute them back to the municipality of sale every April and October
- ▶ The Public Act was codified in CGS Sec. 22a-244b



Usage of Funds

- ▶ CGS 22a-244b(d) states that the funds can be spent on environmental measures intended to:
 - 1. Reduce the generation of solid waste
 - a. Hiring of a recycling coordinator
 - b. Recycling equipment
 - c. Educational Programs
 - 2. Reduce the impact of litter:
 - a. Personnel costs to remove litter
 - b. Mechanical street sweepers, vacuums, or brooms

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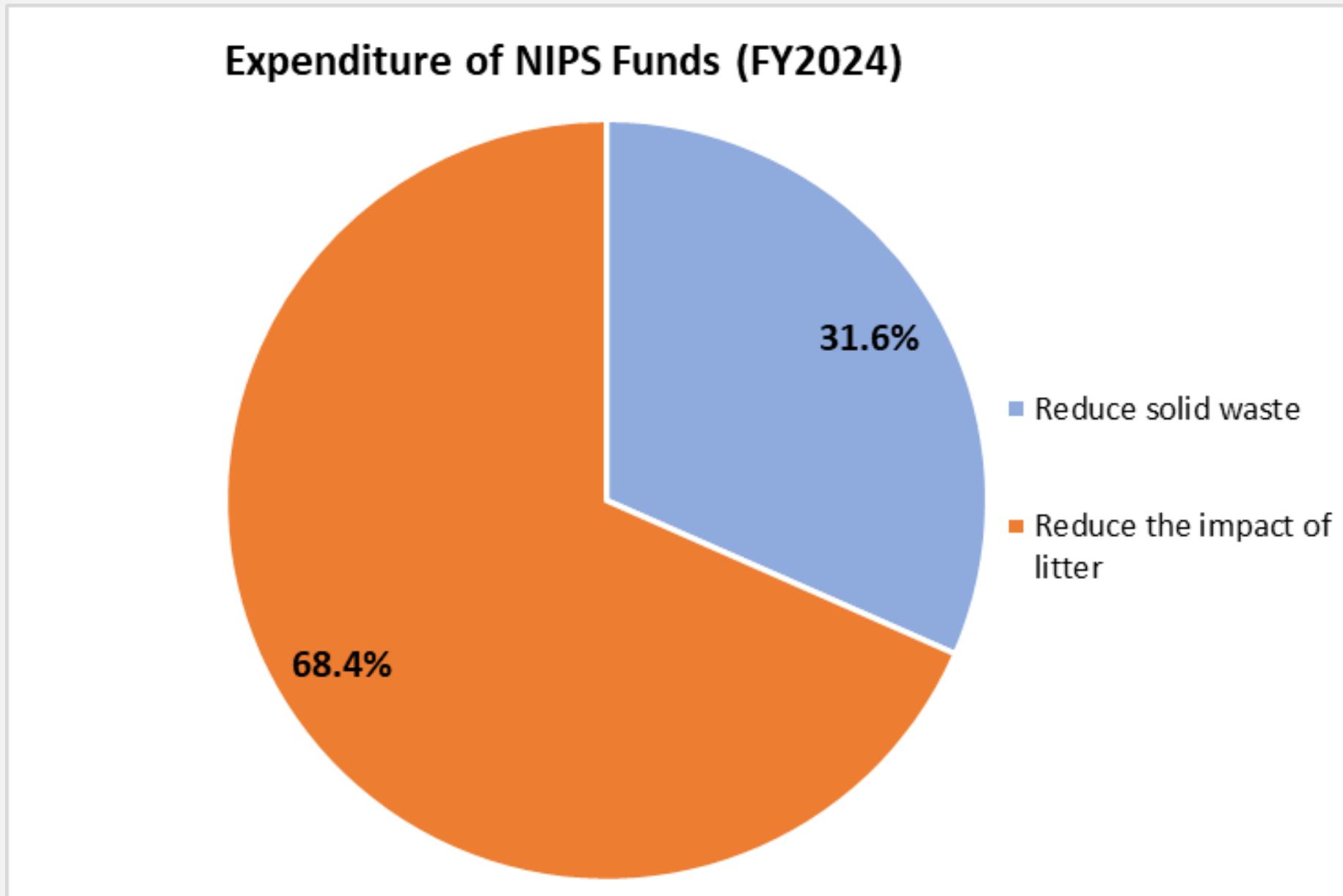


The Council's Role

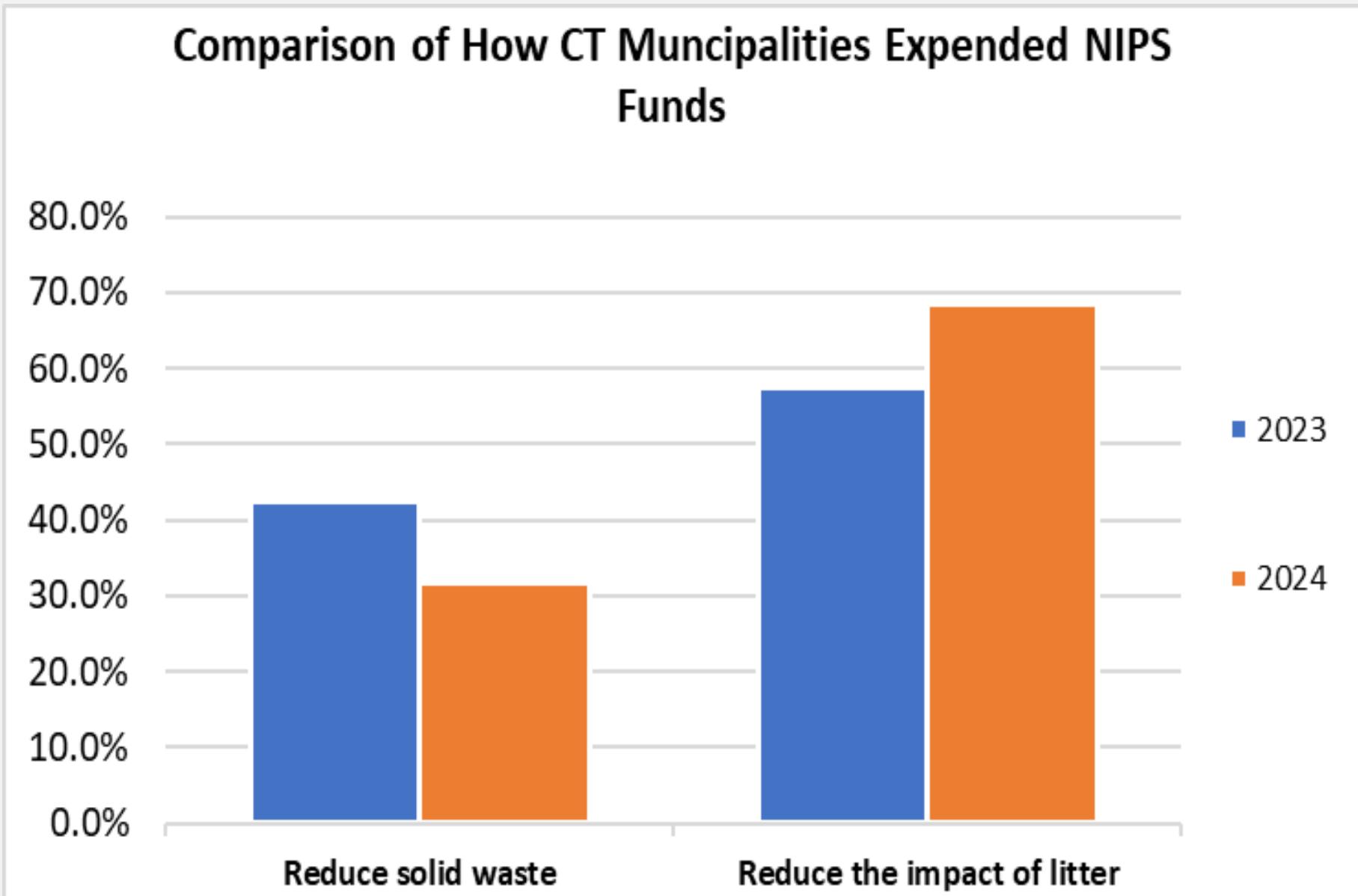
- ▶ Public Act 23-76 requires the Council to conduct a review of the program pursuant to **subsection (d) of section 22a-244b**
- ▶ From Sept 19 through mid-November, the Council conducted a survey of 162 municipalities that received funds
 - Reporting period: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
 - 132 municipalities out of 162 responded (82%)
- ▶ Topics included funds spent, uses, and program feedback



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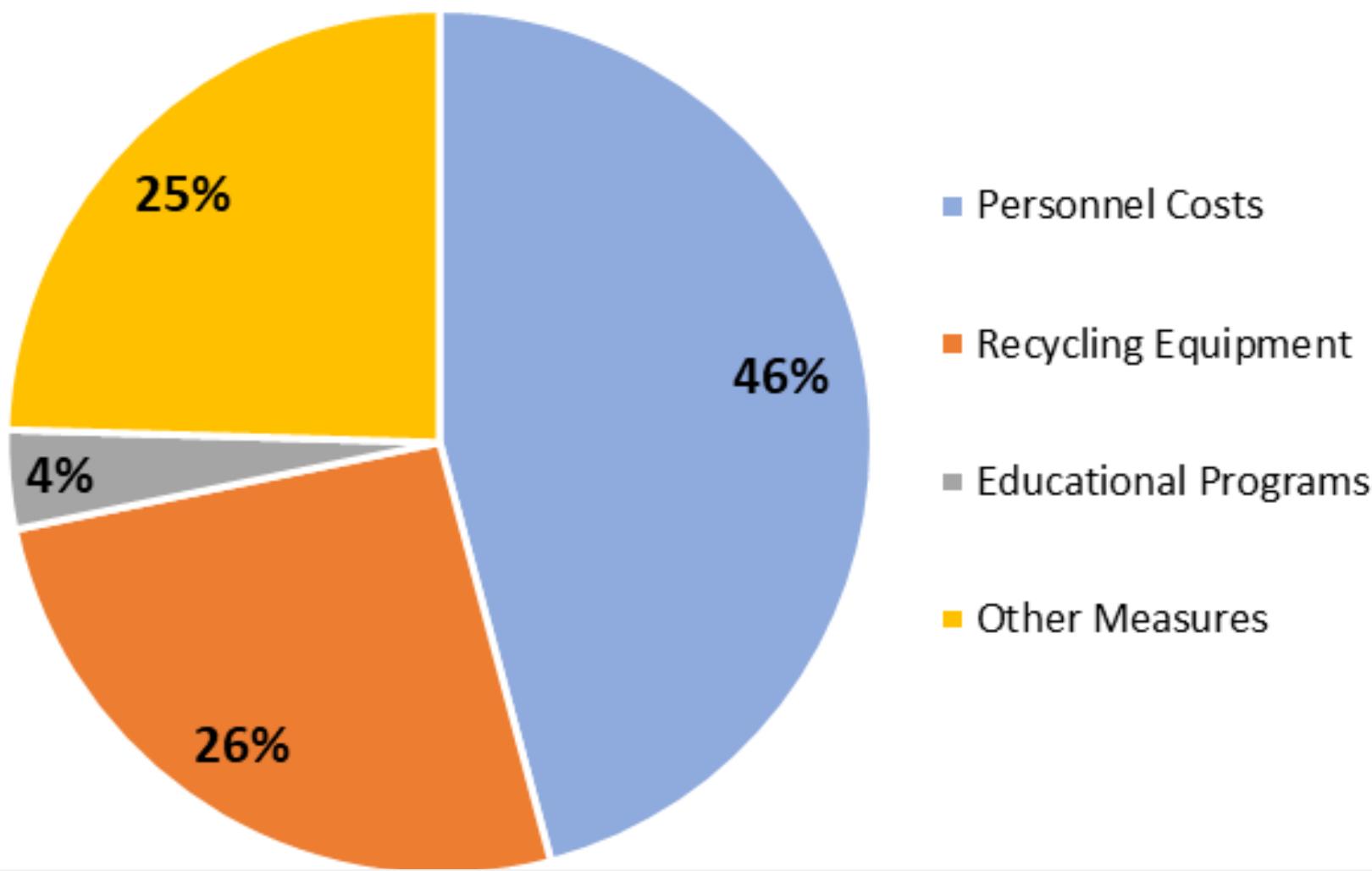


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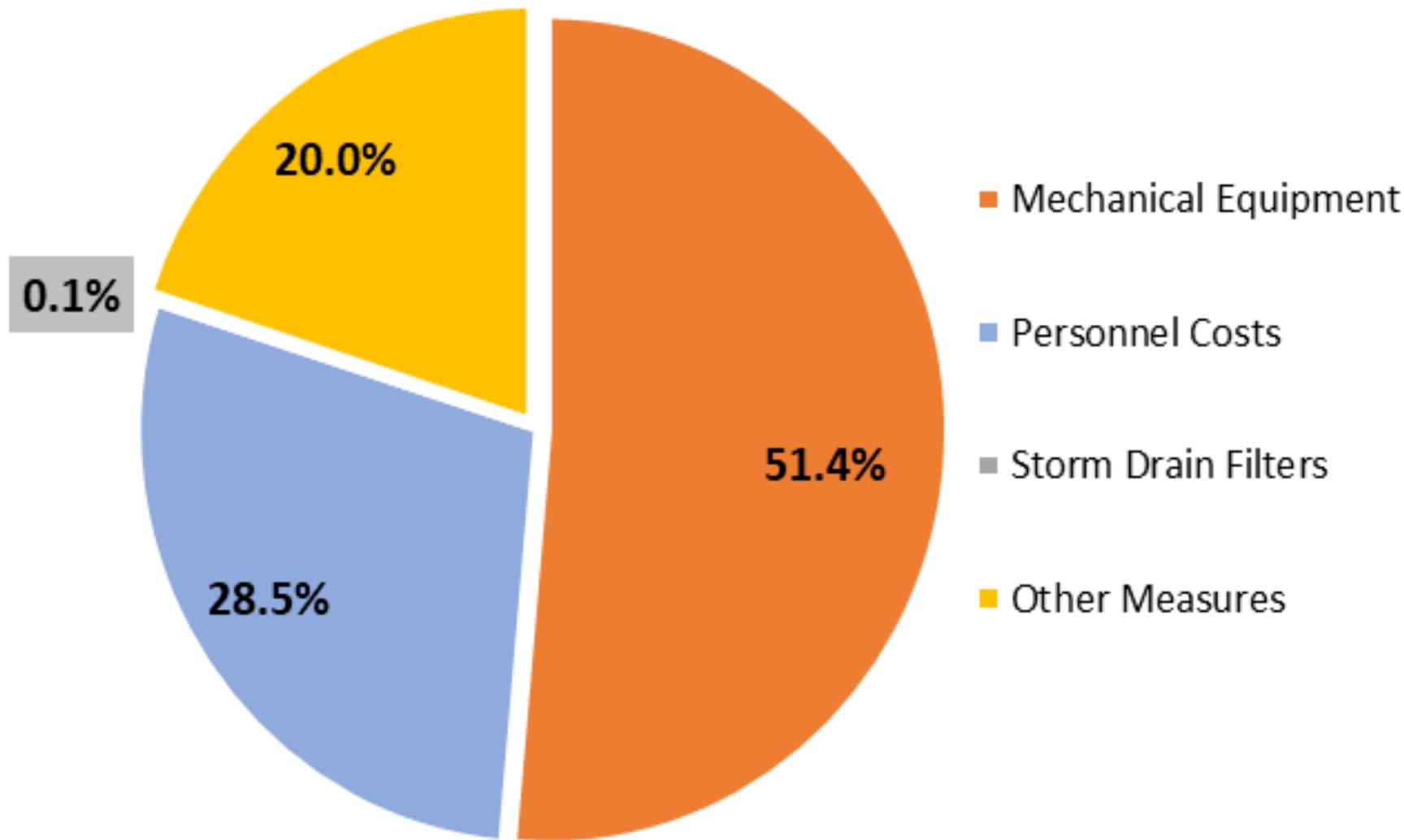
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How Will These Data Be Used?

- ▶ Survey results will be summarized in aggregate and appear in the 2024 edition of the Council's annual report, *“Environmental Quality in Connecticut”*
- ▶ Results will help inform policymakers and may determine how the program might change in the future
- ▶ Survey results will inform municipalities on funding options and best practices



Questions?

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