

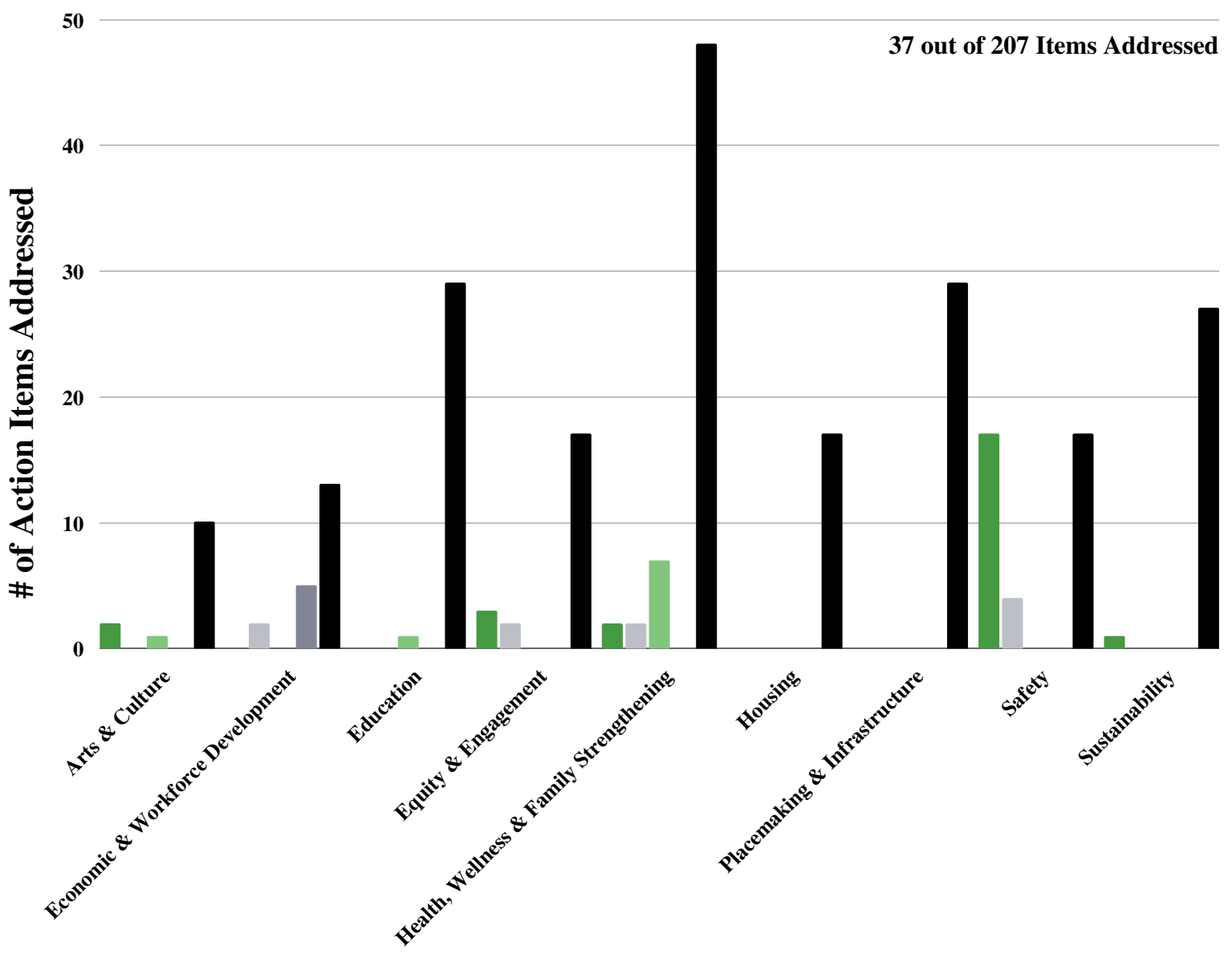
Near Eastside Quality of Life Plan

Annual Report 2021

In 2021, the Near Eastside Quality of Life Plan marked its first full year of implementation after being approved and certified by the City of Indianapolis on June 16, 2020. Near Eastside lead agencies, implementation partners and Community Action Teams worked together to improve quality of life in 9 focus areas: **Arts and Culture, Economic and Workforce Development, Education, Equity and Engagement, Health, Wellness and Family Strengthening, Housing, Placemaking and Infrastructure, Safety and Sustainability**. Each area of the plan had an assigned Community Action Team, a resident-led implementation team composed of up to 15 members. This process saw many challenges and successes. More data can be found below, followed by recommendations for future implementation.

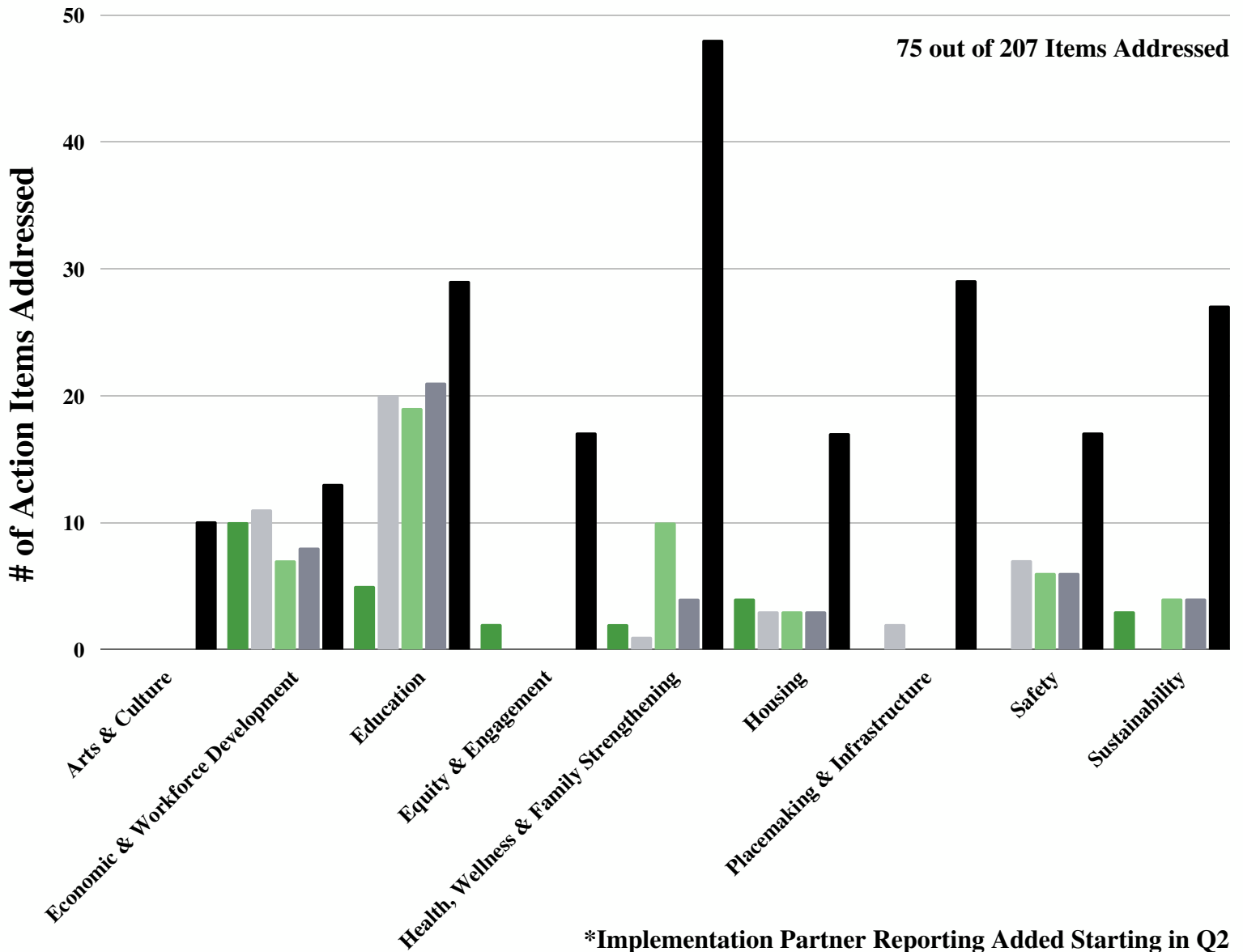
Community Action Team QOL Progress

■ Quarter 1
 ■ Quarter 2
 ■ Quarter 3
 ■ Quarter 4
 ■ Total Items



Agency* QOL Progress

■ Quarter 1 ■ Quarter 2 ■ Quarter 3 ■ Quarter 4 ■ Total Items



*Implementation Partner Reporting Added Starting in Q2

Funding Received for Implementation by Area

Arts & Culture: \$5,000

Funder: Arts Council of Indianapolis

Economic & Workforce Development: \$607,500

Funders: LISC, Glick Fund, OCS, Christian Theological Seminary, State Farm

Education: \$619,300

Funders: IUPUI, City of Indianapolis, Cummins Foundation, PNC Foundation, IDOE

Housing: \$352,000

Funders: City of Indianapolis, Simon Family Foundation, IHCD, Credit Suisse Bank, Glick Fund

Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening: \$352,000

Funders: Superior Construction, Managed Health Services, Glick Fund

Safety: \$100,000

Funder: OPHS

Sustainability: \$50,000

Funder: State Office of Energy Development

Some Notable Successes of 2021

We started a new Instagram page to elevate the arts and culture activities on the Near Eastside.

Currently there are 400+ followers @NeareastartsIndy -**Arts & Culture CAT**

Partnered with Indy Reads to provide literacy classes and mentorship to 18 adults on the Near Eastside. Partnered with the Indy Learning Team to provide licensed Reading Specialists to eight elementary-age children. Partnered with Northview Church to staff a Reading Room at Brookside Elementary. -**Brookside CDC**

I would underscore the partnership with BSU - the opportunity for Englewood and the Near Eastside's name to be in a national competition is excellent and 2 high scoring teams with plans for sustainable development in the neighborhood is even better. The documentary "Mallory: 120 Years in Englewood" premiered virtually in February - this is certainly a win and culmination of successful partnerships around the Near Eastside. Finally, the expansion of Uplift Produce has been a highlight... -**Englewood CDC**

NEAR worked with ROW: 7 bat box builds at Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School which were distributed to area businesses and neighborhood associations. -**NEAR**

We were able to serve 850 children through our Christmas store where parents shop for their kids in December. -**Shepherd Community Center**

Indiana Diaper Bank has been a huge addition to Westminster's multitude of program partners. Being a host site we almost always have emergency diapers on hand for neighbors in need. -**Westminster Neighborhood Services**

Challenges to Implementation

Implementation of the Near Eastside Quality of Life Plan faced significant challenges in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions, lack of communication and/or collaboration between resident-led Community Action Teams and agencies, a general feeling of lack of progress on action items, and a general feeling of a lack of direction and guidance.

Recommendations for 2022

Some key recommendations for implementation in 2022 are:

- Regular meetings with implementation partners and lead agencies for information and collaboration
- Create more efficient and directed resident engagement rather than Community Action Teams
- Make goals that are more specific within action items

Thank You to Our Lead Agencies, Implementation Partners and Funders!

