Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response (OT20-2004):
Assessment Results

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Presentation roadmap

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1 Background

COVID-19 Tribal Capacity Grant (OT20-2004)

- One-year noncompetitive grant awarded in summer 2020 allowing 346 recipients to use funds for a wide range of COVID-19 emergency preparedness and response needs

- Funded through the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act 2020 and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

- 305 (88%) recipients received no-cost extensions up to June 2023

346 Tribal recipients

$152.8 million in federal emergency funding

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Supports 8 strategies

COVID-19 Tribal Capacity Grant supports public health response activities across seven strategies

1. Emergency Operations and Coordination

2. Health Information Technology

3. Surveillance and Epidemiology

4. Lab Capacity

5. Communications

6. Countermeasures and Mitigation

7. Recovery

Assessment purposes

Demonstrate results
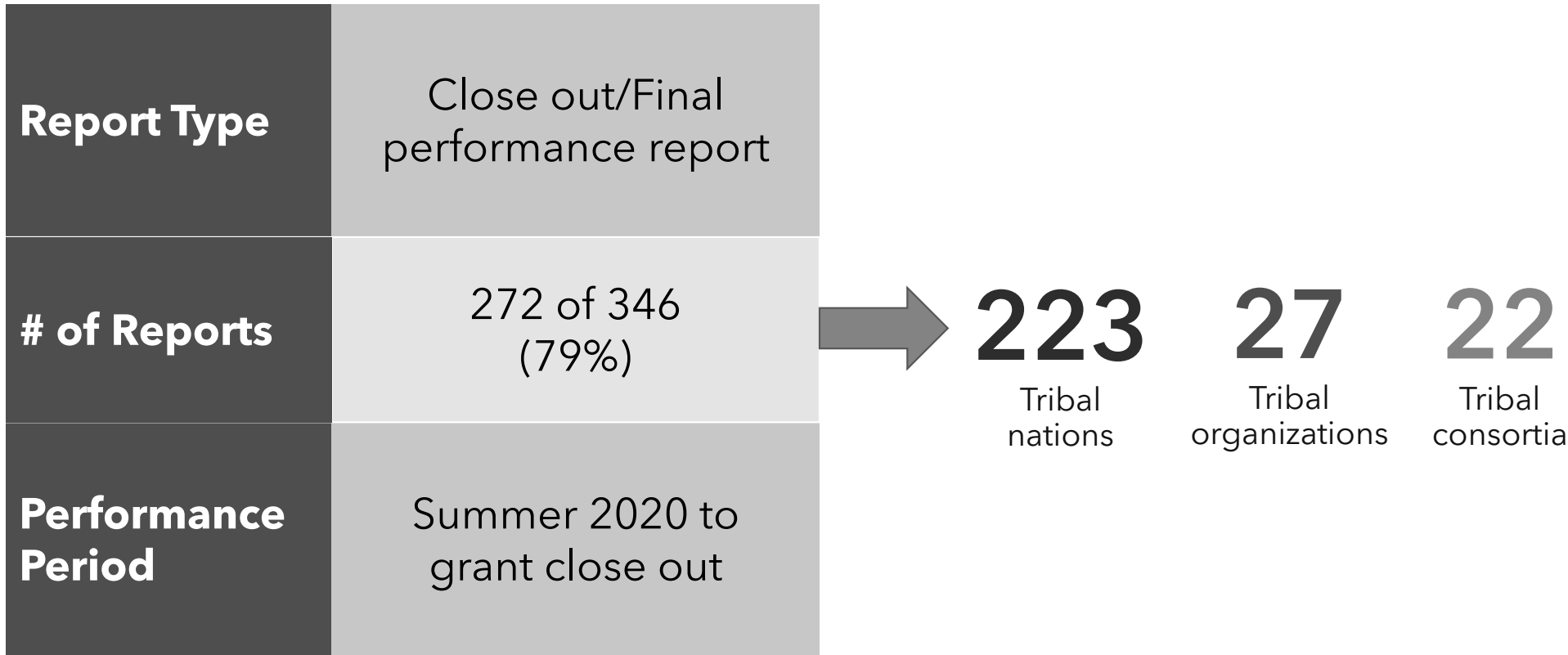from CDC's investments in COVID-19 preparedness and response in tribal communities

Build evidence
of what works to improve public health capacity in Indian Country

Key assessment questions

1. How did the COVID-19 Tribal Capacity Grant support recipients in addressing their communities' COVID-19 response needs?

2. How did the COVID-19 Tribal Capacity Grant support recipients in building basic public health infrastructure and foundational capabilities in Indian Country?

Assessment data source

Report Type	Close out/Final performance report
# of Reports	272 of 346 (79%)
Performance Period	Summer 2020 to grant close out

223 Tribal nations **27** Tribal organizations **22** Tribal consortia

Approach to assessment

✓ Reviewed recipient final performance reports

✓ Tagged common types of results
  - Incomplete activities were not included
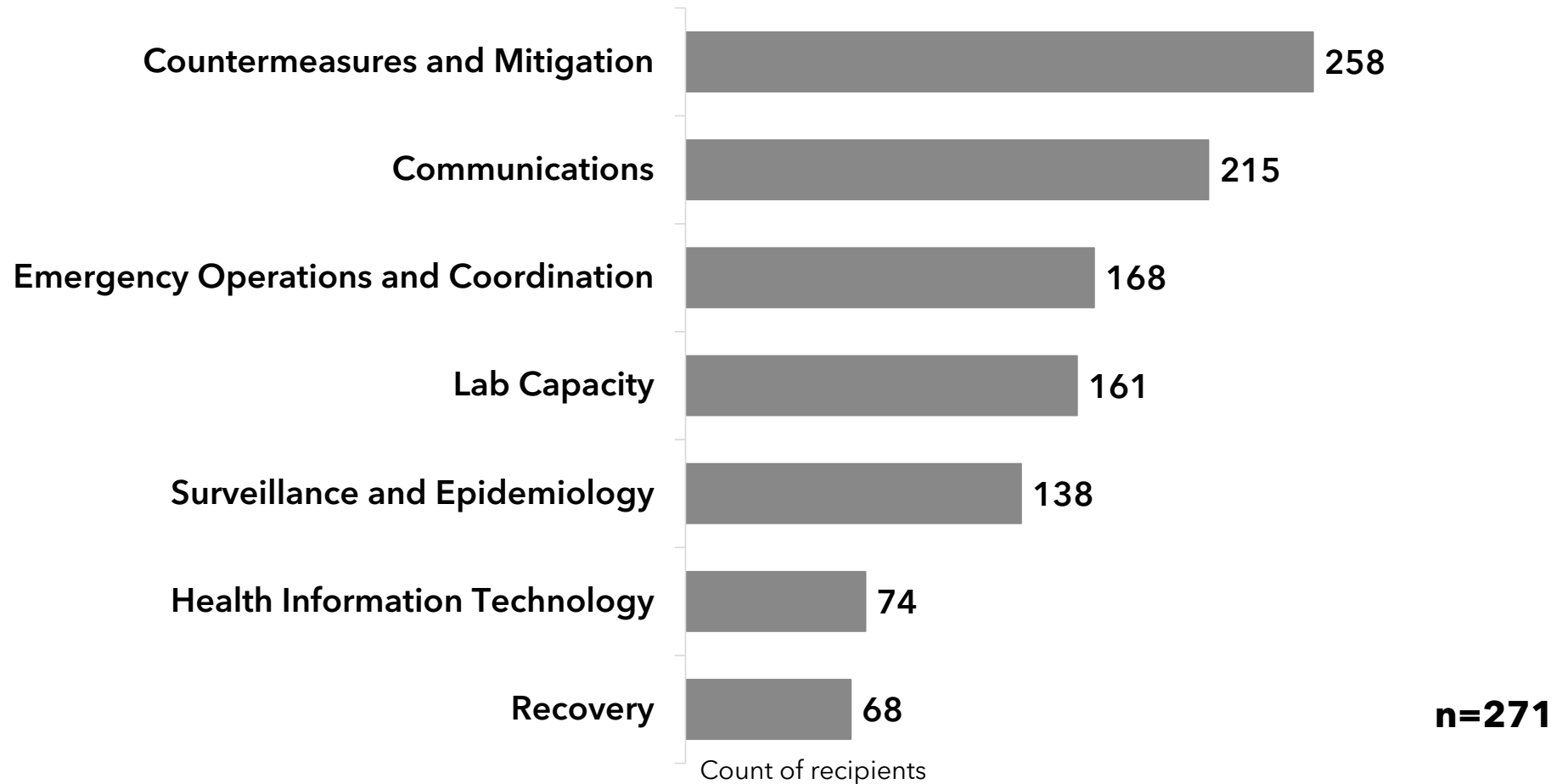
✓ Summarized results in aggregate

Context and considerations

- Grant designed with flexibility in mind

- Low-burden reporting

- Analysis focused on overall grant and aggregate data

- Quantitative summary based on recipient reports

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Assessment Results

Number of recipients reporting results in each grant strategy

Count of recipients

- Countermeasures and Mitigation: 258
- Communications: 215
- Emergency Operations and Coordination: 168
- Lab Capacity: 161
- Surveillance and Epidemiology: 138
- Health Information Technology: 74
- Recovery: 68

n=271

Cross-cutting results

98% procured **supplies, equipment, infrastructure-related products and assistance** to support the COVID-19 response (n=266)

74% developed or implemented a range of programs and services in response to COVID-19 (n=202)

67% conducted data analysis or assessment to support the COVID-19 response (n=182)

64% hired/filled staff positions to support COVID-19 functions and/or **provided/received technical assistance** (n=175)
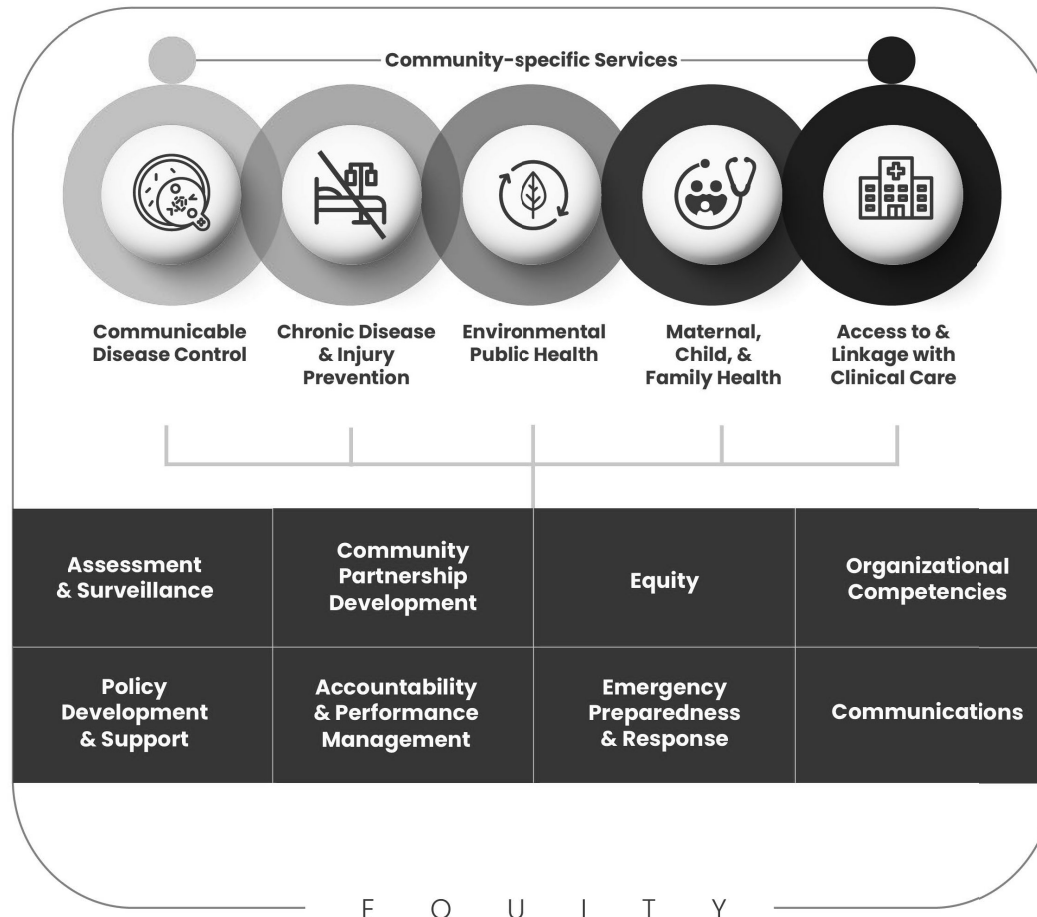
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Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity and Infrastructure

Alignment with the Foundational Public Health Services Framework

Foundational Public Health Services Framework

Foundational Areas

Community-specific Services

- Communicable Disease Control
- Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention
- Environmental Public Health
- Maternal, Child, & Family Health
- Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

Foundational Capabilities

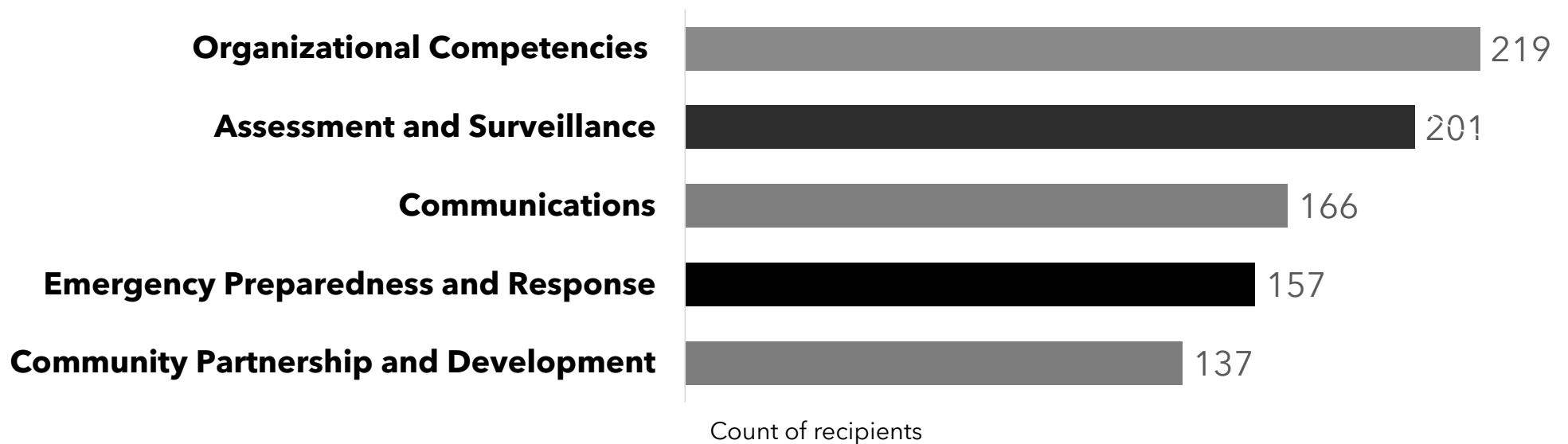| Assessment & Surveillance	Community Partnership Development	Equity	Organizational Competencies
Policy Development & Support	Accountability & Performance Management	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Communications

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Source: FPHS | PHNCI

Recipients reported results aligned with five of eight foundational capabilities

Foundational Capabilities
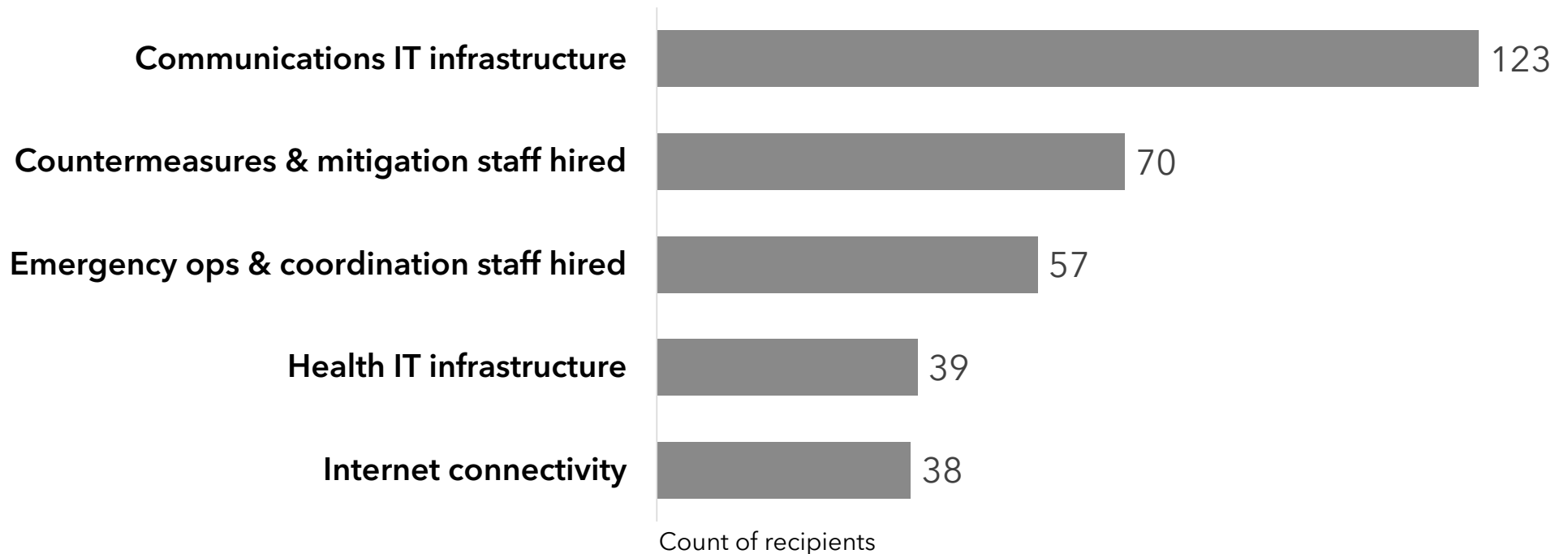

Assessment & Surveillance	Community Partnership Development	Equity	Organizational Competencies
Policy Development & Support	Accountability & Performance Management	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Communications

Organizational Competencies — 219

Assessment and Surveillance — 201

Communications — 166

Emergency Preparedness and Response — 157

Community Partnership and Development — 137

Count of recipients

Recipients supported communications infrastructure and hired staff

219 recipients reported results in the **Organizational Competencies** Foundational Capability

The top five included:

	Count of recipients
Communications IT infrastructure	123
Countermeasures & mitigation staff hired	70
Emergency ops & coordination staff hired	57
Health IT infrastructure	39
Internet connectivity	38

Count of recipients
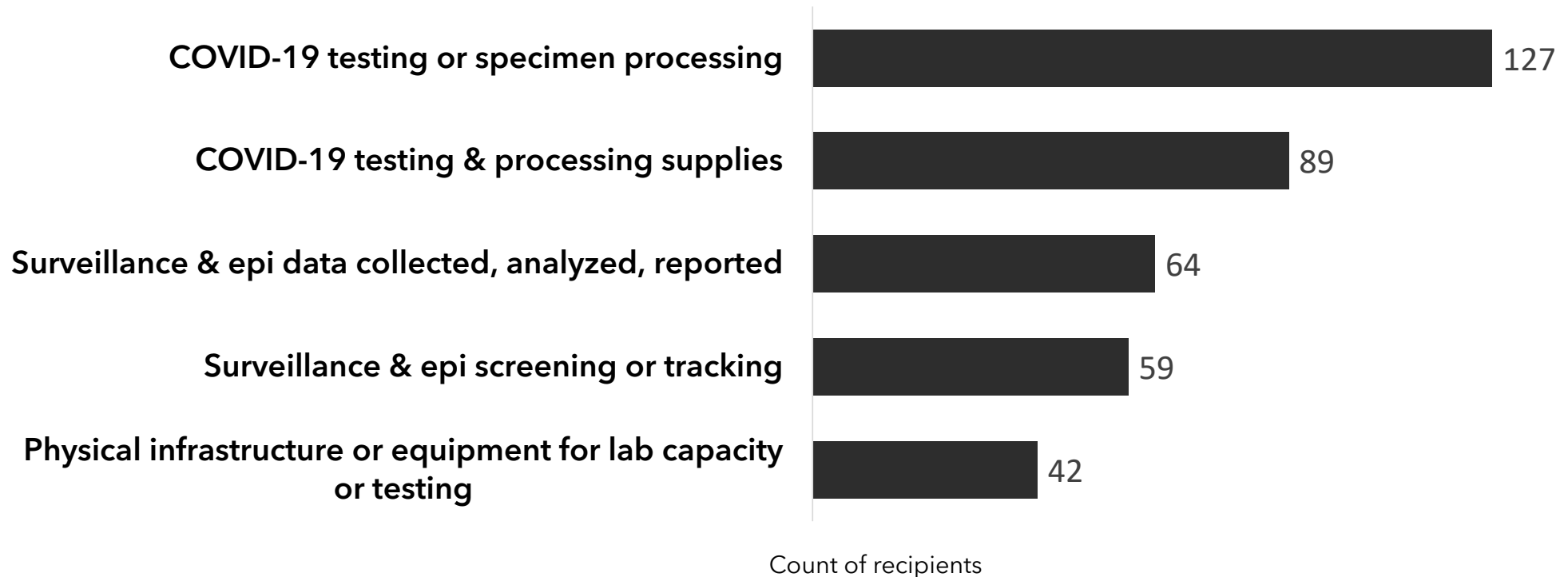
Recipients reported supporting and conducting COVID-19 testing

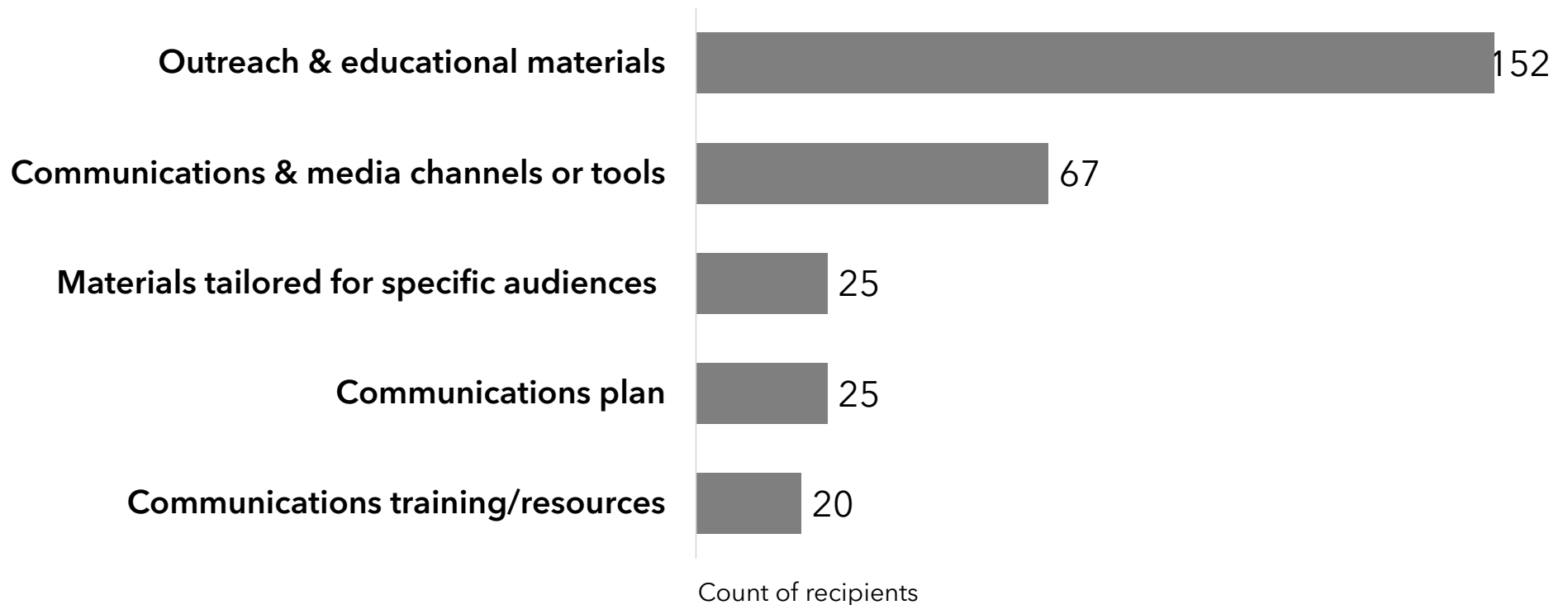**201** recipients reported results in the **Assessment and Surveillance** Foundational Capability

The top five included:

Category	Count
COVID-19 testing or specimen processing	127
COVID-19 testing & processing supplies	89
Surveillance & epi data collected, analyzed, reported	64
Surveillance & epi screening or tracking	59
Physical infrastructure or equipment for lab capacity or testing	42

Count of recipients

Recipients shared flyers, PSAs, and other communication materials to increase community knowledge and awareness of COVID-19

166 recipients reported results in the **Communications** Foundational Capability
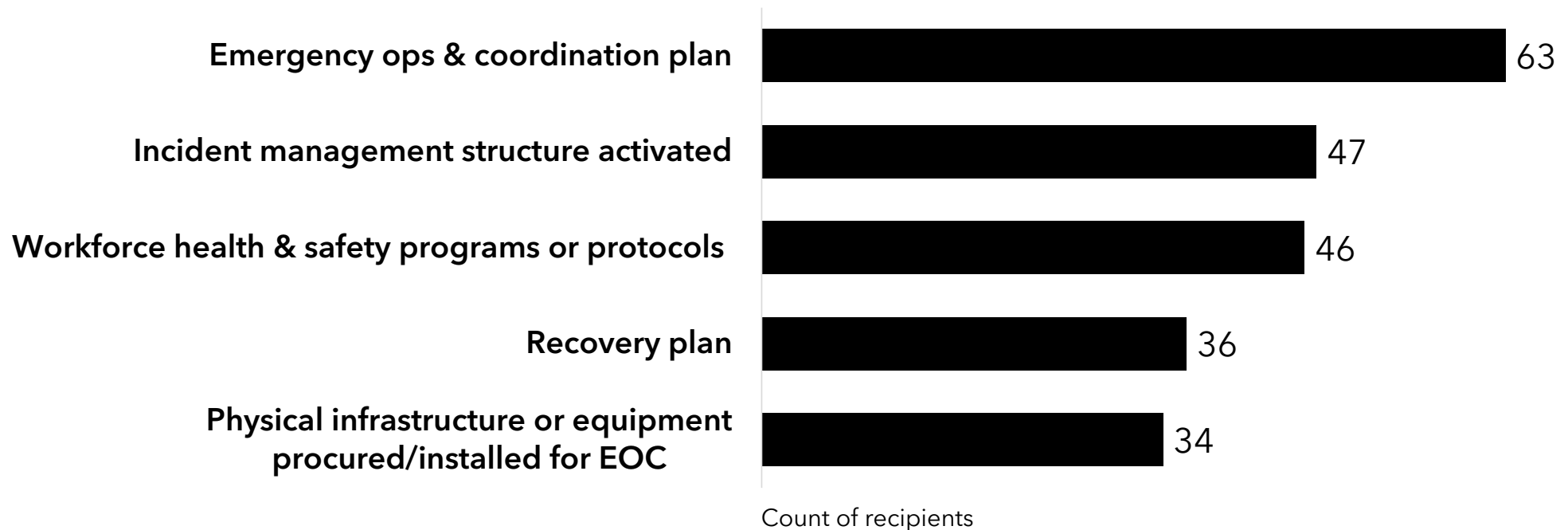
The top five included:

Category	Count
Outreach & educational materials	152
Communications & media channels or tools	67
Materials tailored for specific audiences	25
Communications plan	25
Communications training/resources	20

Count of recipients

Recipients developed plans for emergency operations and activated incident command structures

157 recipients reported results in the **Emergency Preparedness and Response** Foundational Capability

The top five included:

Category	Count
Emergency ops & coordination plan	63
Incident management structure activated	47
Workforce health & safety programs or protocols	46
Recovery plan	36
Physical infrastructure or equipment procured/installed for EOC	34

Count of recipients

Recipients collaborated with partners to coordinate activities and share/exchange COVID-19 information

137 recipients reported results in the **Community Partnership Development** Foundational Capability
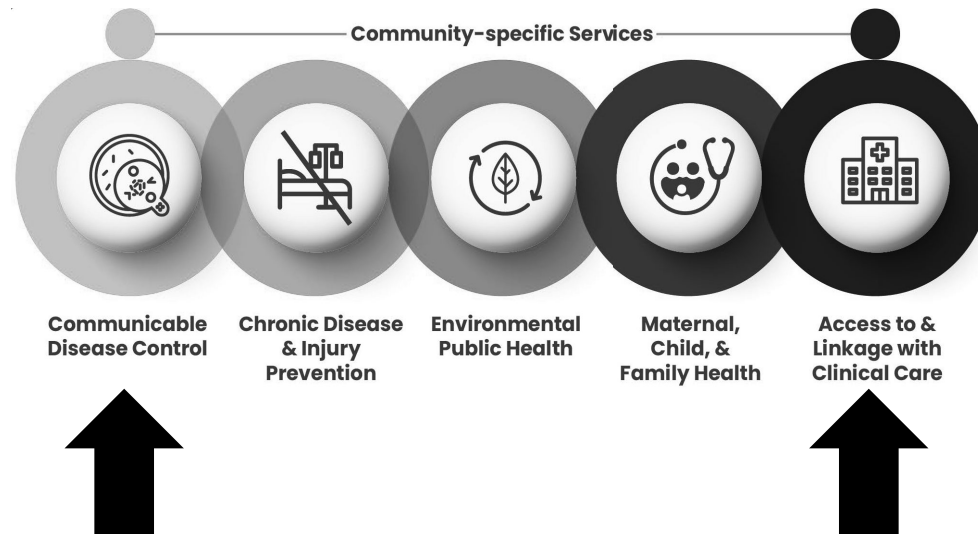
The top five included:

Category	Count
Countermeasures & mitigation collaboration	67
Emergency ops & coordination collaboration	54
Communication collaboration	52
Surveillance & epi purposes collaboration	34
Lab capacity & testing collaboration	30

Count of recipients

Foundational Areas

Community-specific Services

Communicable Disease Control

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Environmental Public Health

Maternal, Child, & Family Health

Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

Communicable Disease Control — **257**

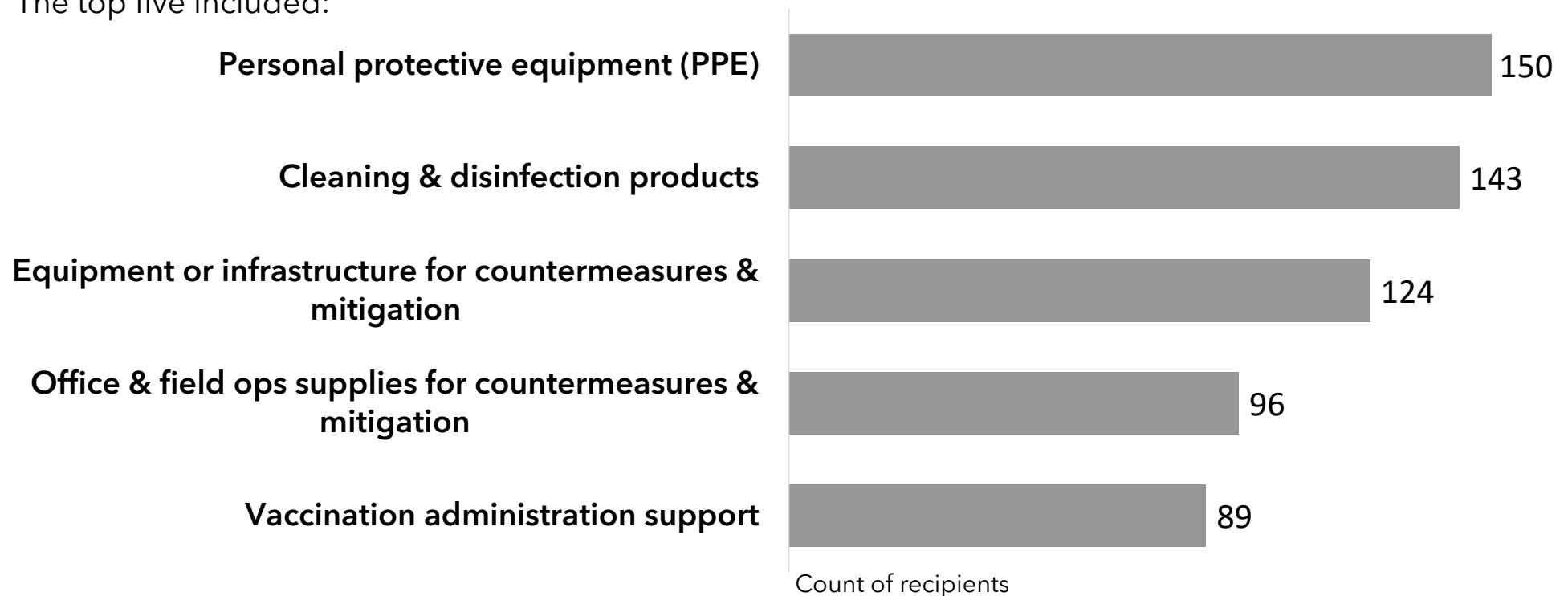**Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care** — **127**

Count of recipients

Purchasing PPE was the most common result aligned with the Communicable Disease Control Foundational Area

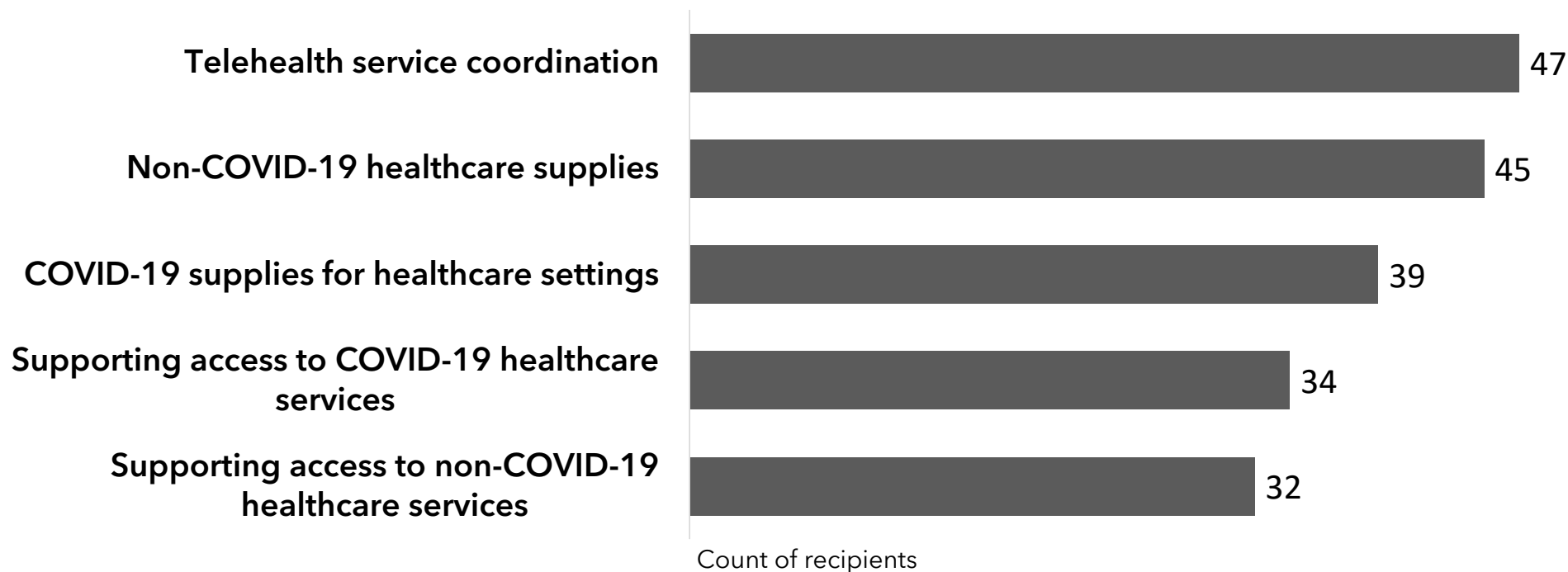**257** recipients reported results in the **Communicable Disease Control** Foundational Area

The top five included:

Category	Count
Personal protective equipment (PPE)	150
Cleaning & disinfection products	143
Equipment or infrastructure for countermeasures & mitigation	124
Office & field ops supplies for countermeasures & mitigation	96
Vaccination administration support	89

Count of recipients

Coordinating telehealth was the most common result aligned with the Access to and Linkage with Clinical Care Foundational Area

127 recipients reported results in the **Access to and Linkage with Clinical Care** Foundational Area

The top five included:

	Count of recipients
Telehealth service coordination	47
Non-COVID-19 healthcare supplies	45
COVID-19 supplies for healthcare settings	39
Supporting access to COVID-19 healthcare services	34
Supporting access to non-COVID-19 healthcare services	32

Discussion questions for consideration

- What are your thoughts about the grant and the assessment results?

- How might these findings be used to support the growth of tribal public health infrastructure?

- What is needed to sustain the gains achieved through this grant?

Thank you!

Follow up questions?
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