

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered

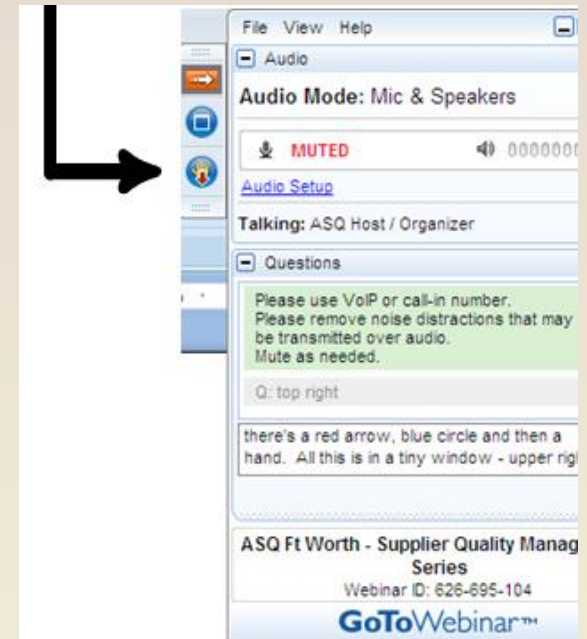


Funding Strategies for Self Advocacy Organizations

Welcome

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- Please mute your device once you join the call
- Remember to raise your hands for questions or write a message in text box
- We will give everyone a chance to ask questions at the end of the presentation



Welcome

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- If you are using more than one device for this webinar, please do not place next to each other, to reduce echoing or feedback.
- Make sure your speakers are turned on.



Welcome

- During our webinar we will ask each state representative to talk for five minutes about their organization funding and their successes and challenges
- We will use the survey data for these presentations



Presenters

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Presenters

OCSS Advisory Committee members



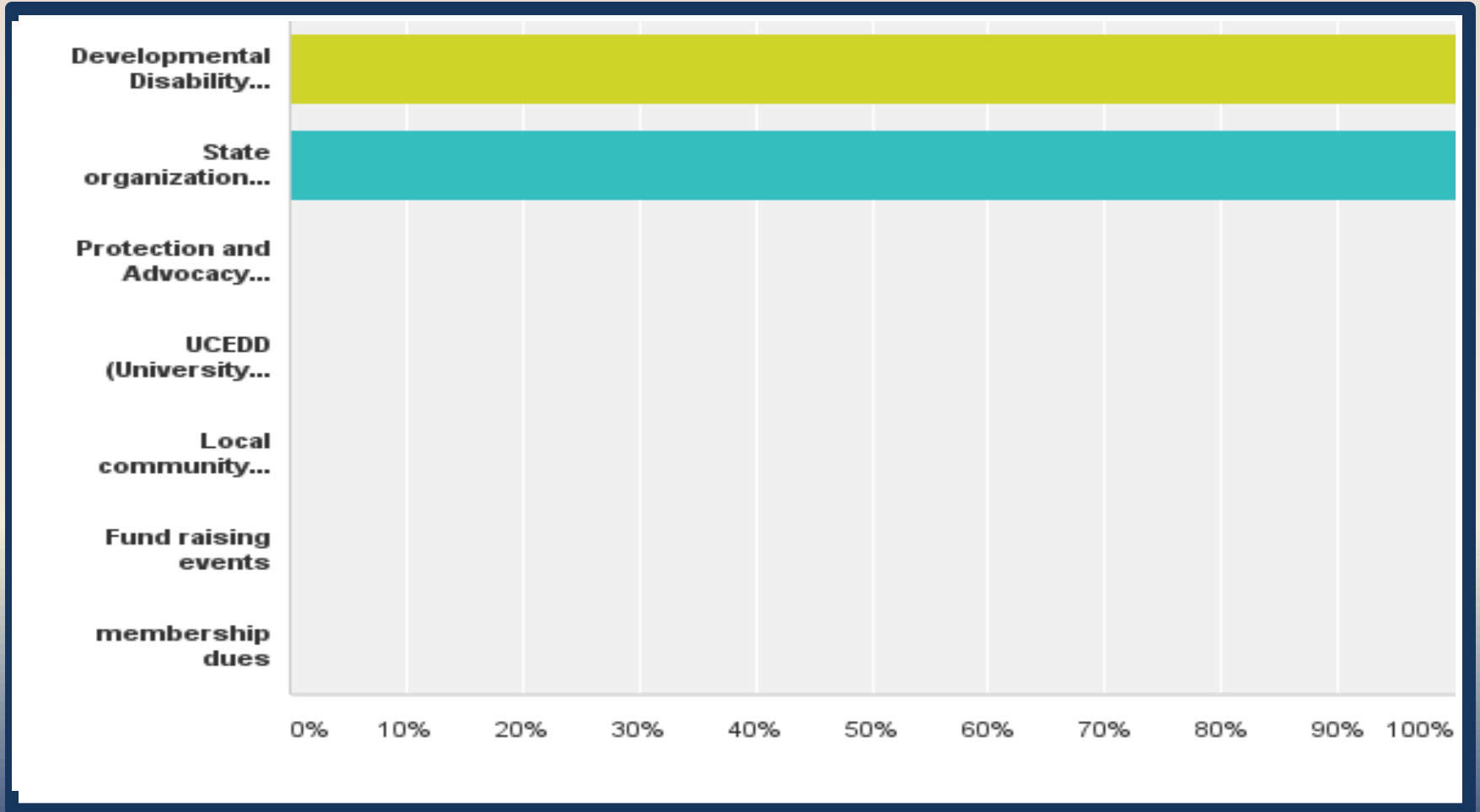
THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S WEBINAR

- Review individual states demographic survey results
- Review the Summary data for states
- Identify successful funding strategies

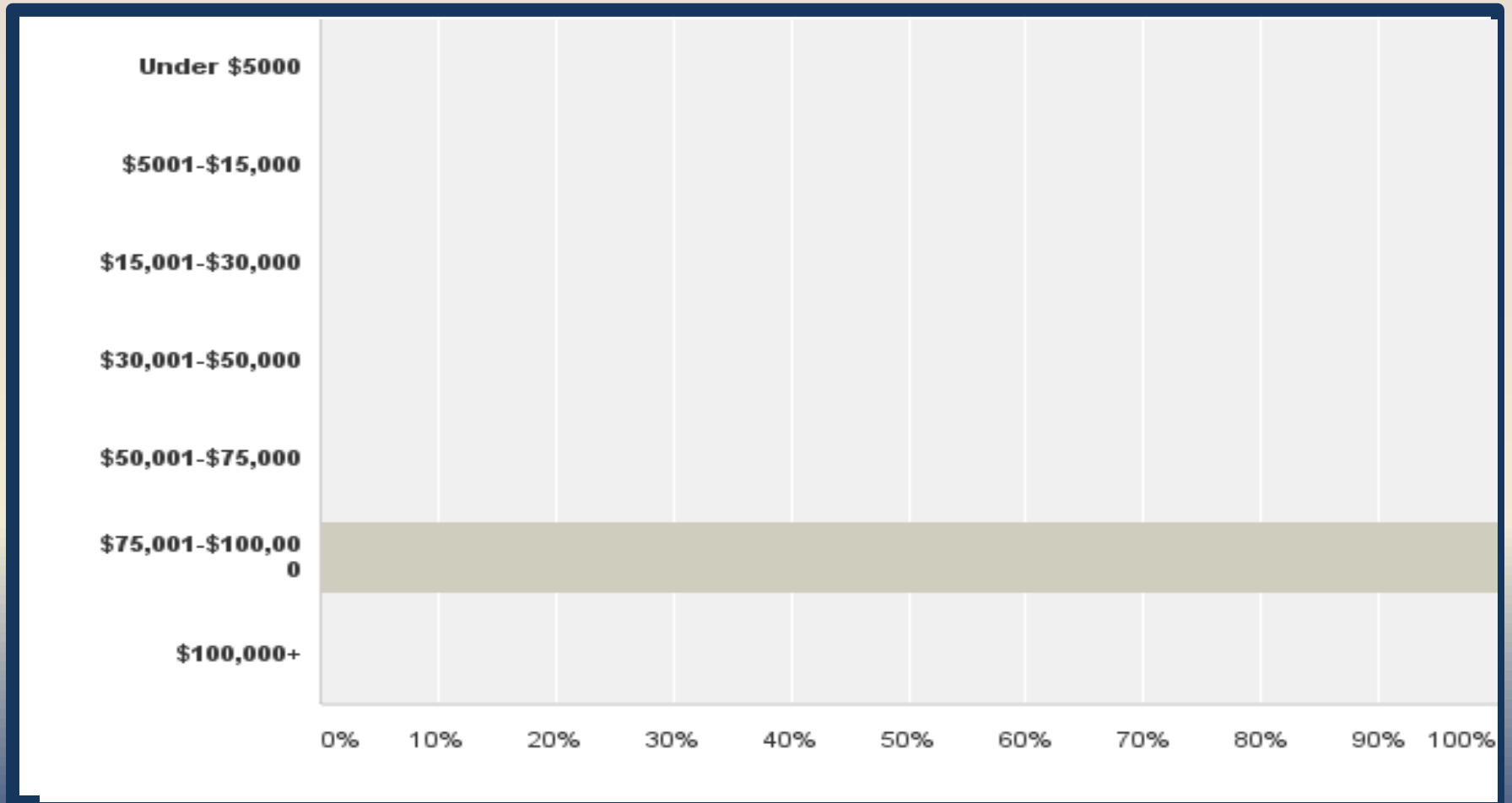




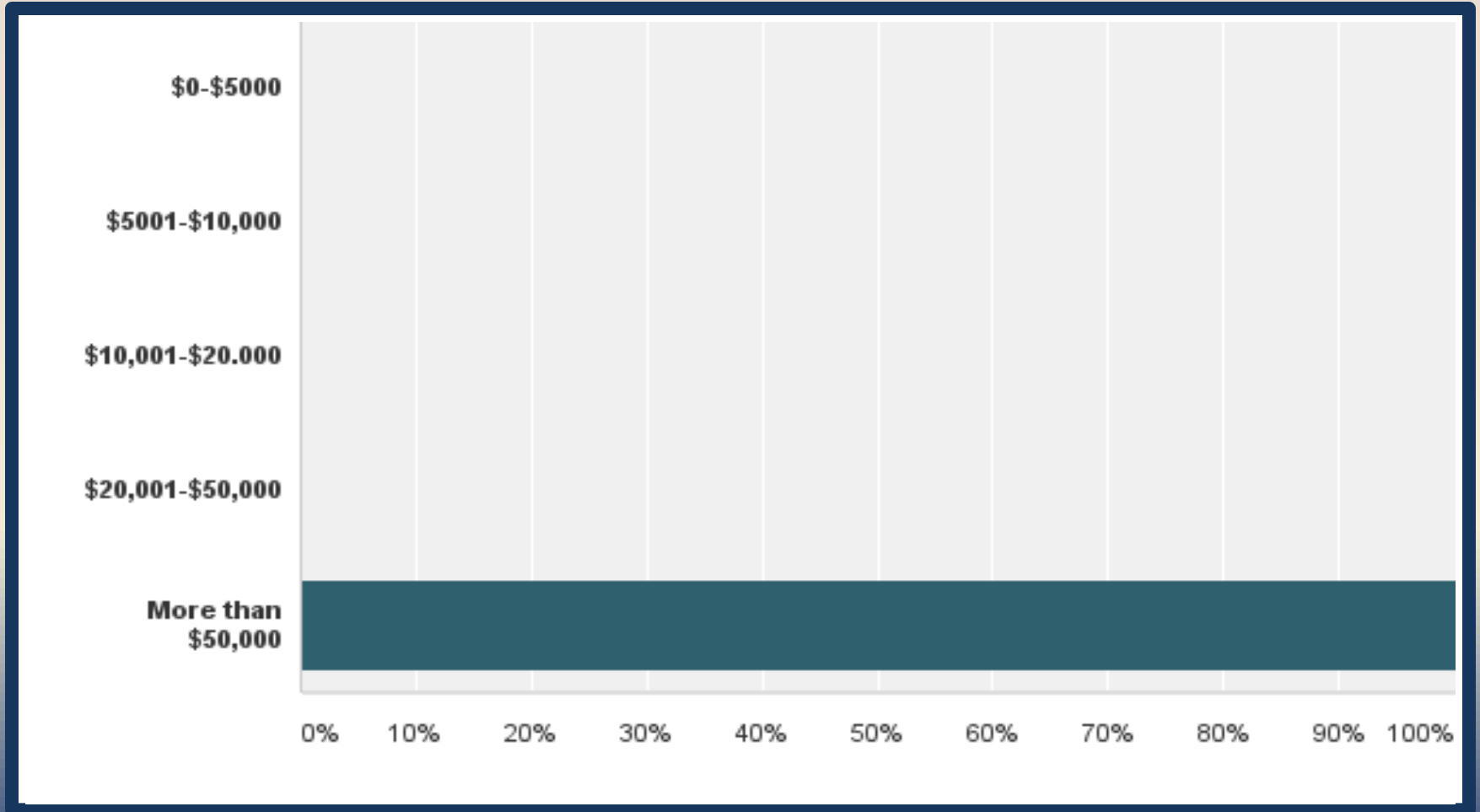
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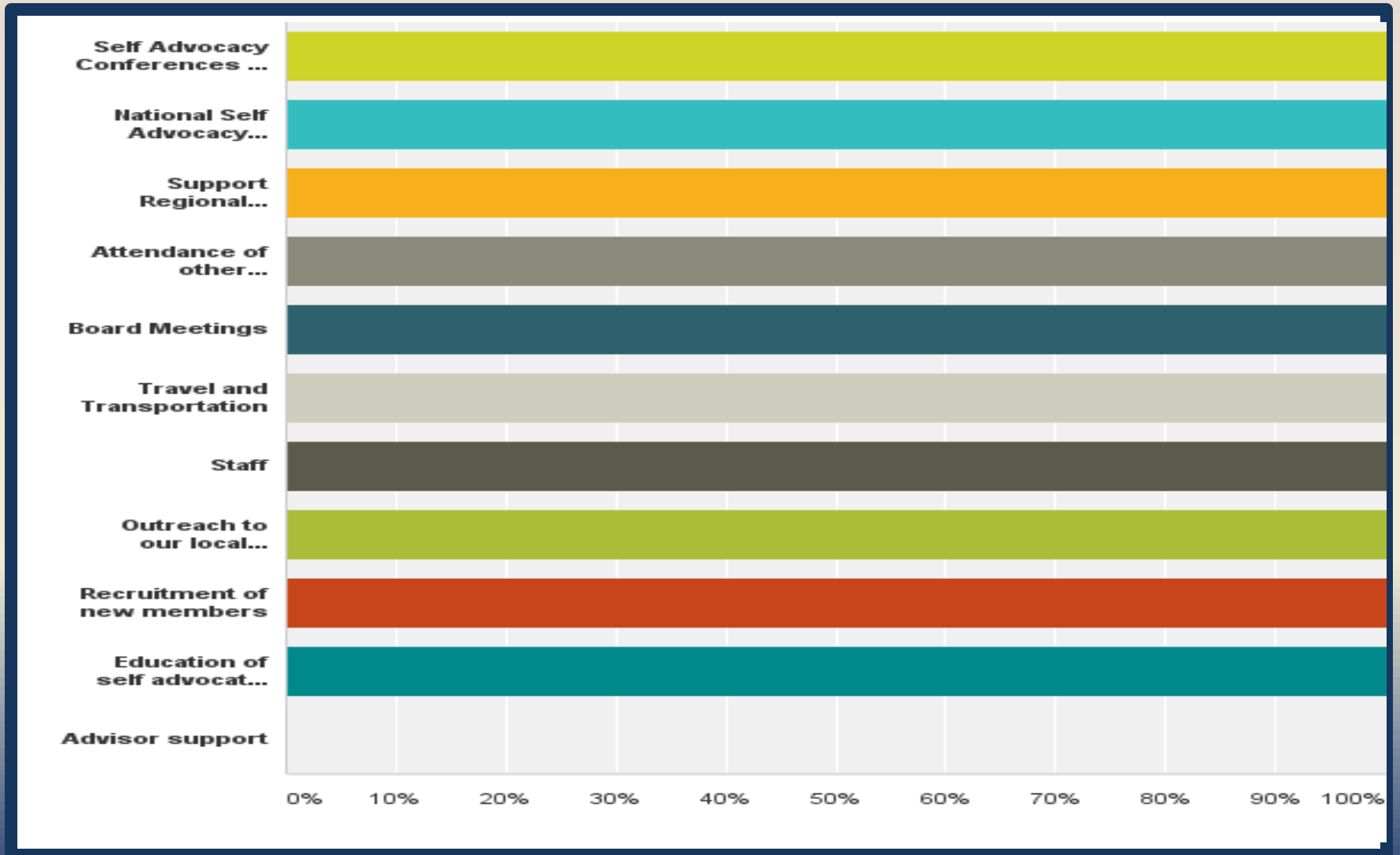
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What do you use your money for?





Successful Strategies:

- People First of Alabama receives grants for the majority of its funding
- Funded consistently by the Department of Mental Health with state funds for outreach and organizing. Previously funded by a Medicaid System Change Grant



Successful Strategies:

- Grant writers volunteer and paid over the years
- Financial management to account for funds
- Local groups supported by volunteer advisors from agencies
- Local groups charge membership fees and have fund raisers



Successful Strategies

- The Developmental Disabilities Council for special projects, state and national conference participation
- Strategies that have been successful have been grant contracts for hourly rates for board members and volunteers
- Conference registrations



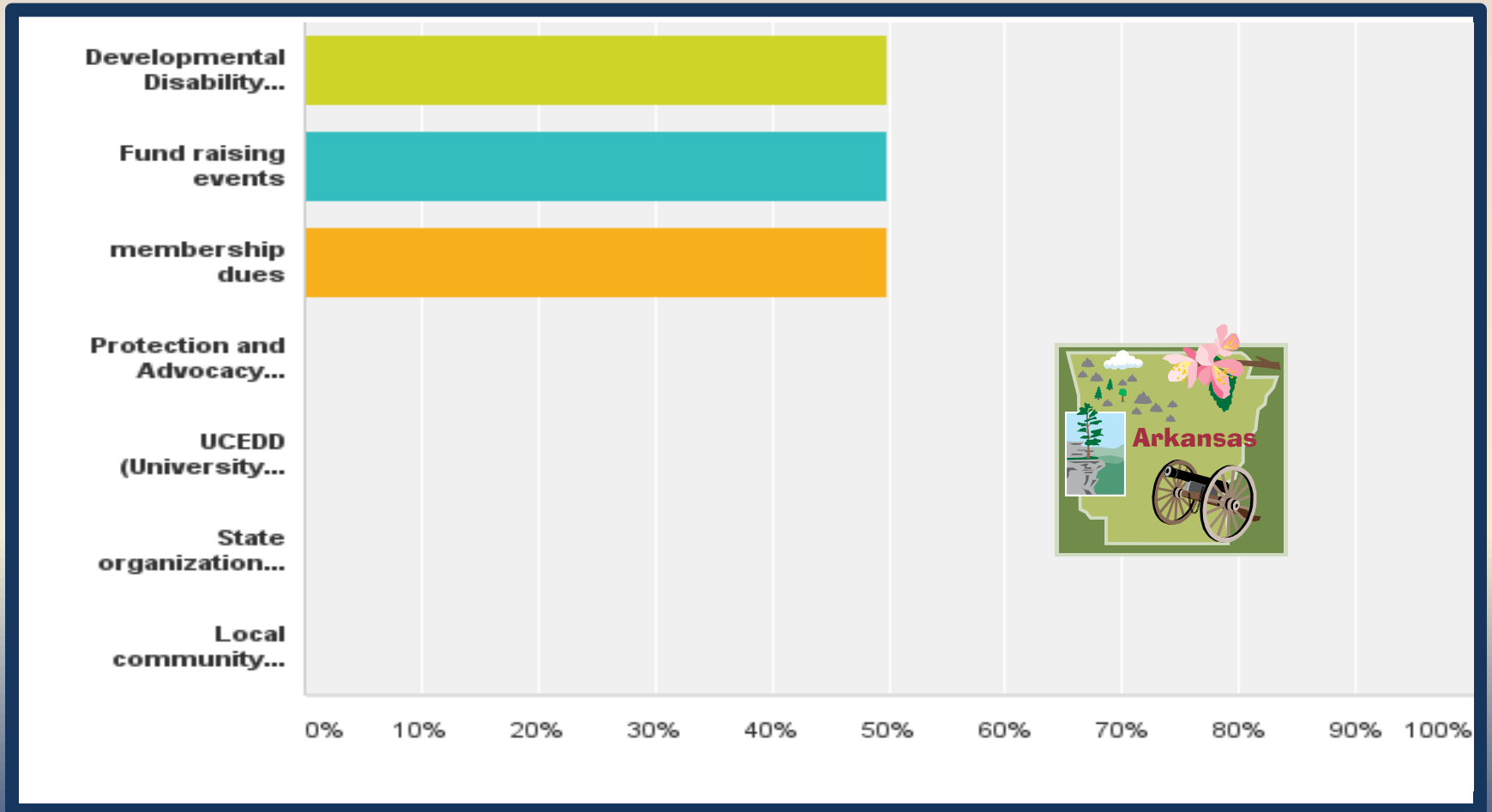
- Good Financial Management
- Saving our money: (over \$100,000 in bank)
- Special outcome based projects such as OCSS sub-contracts
- The Department of Mental Health and the DD Council has been consistent supporters
- A strategic plan with a five year business plan that tells us how much we need to do our work and outlines our strategies



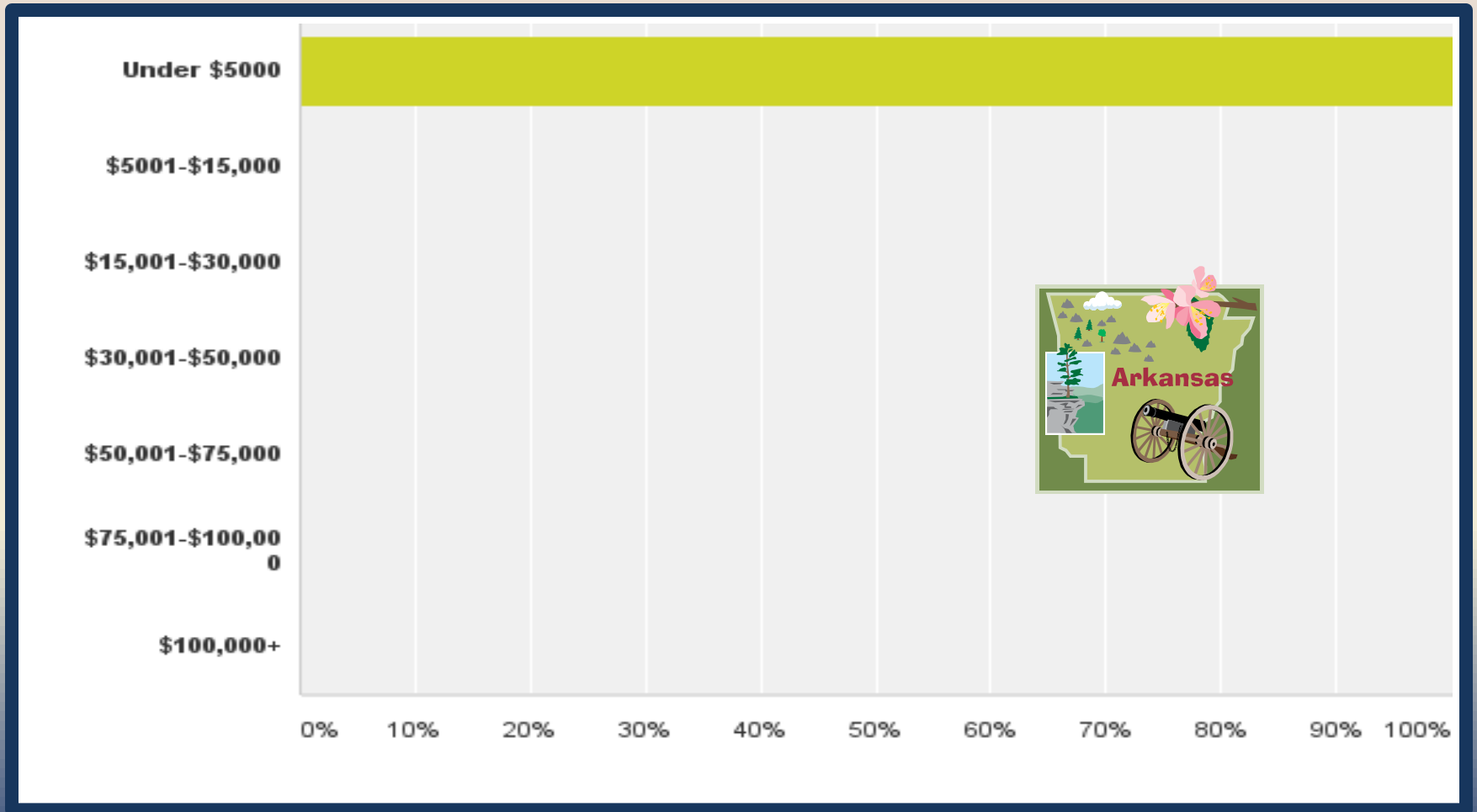
- Strategies that have not been successful:
 - Corporate funders (we have not tried this)
 - Donations (we have some but have not explored this)



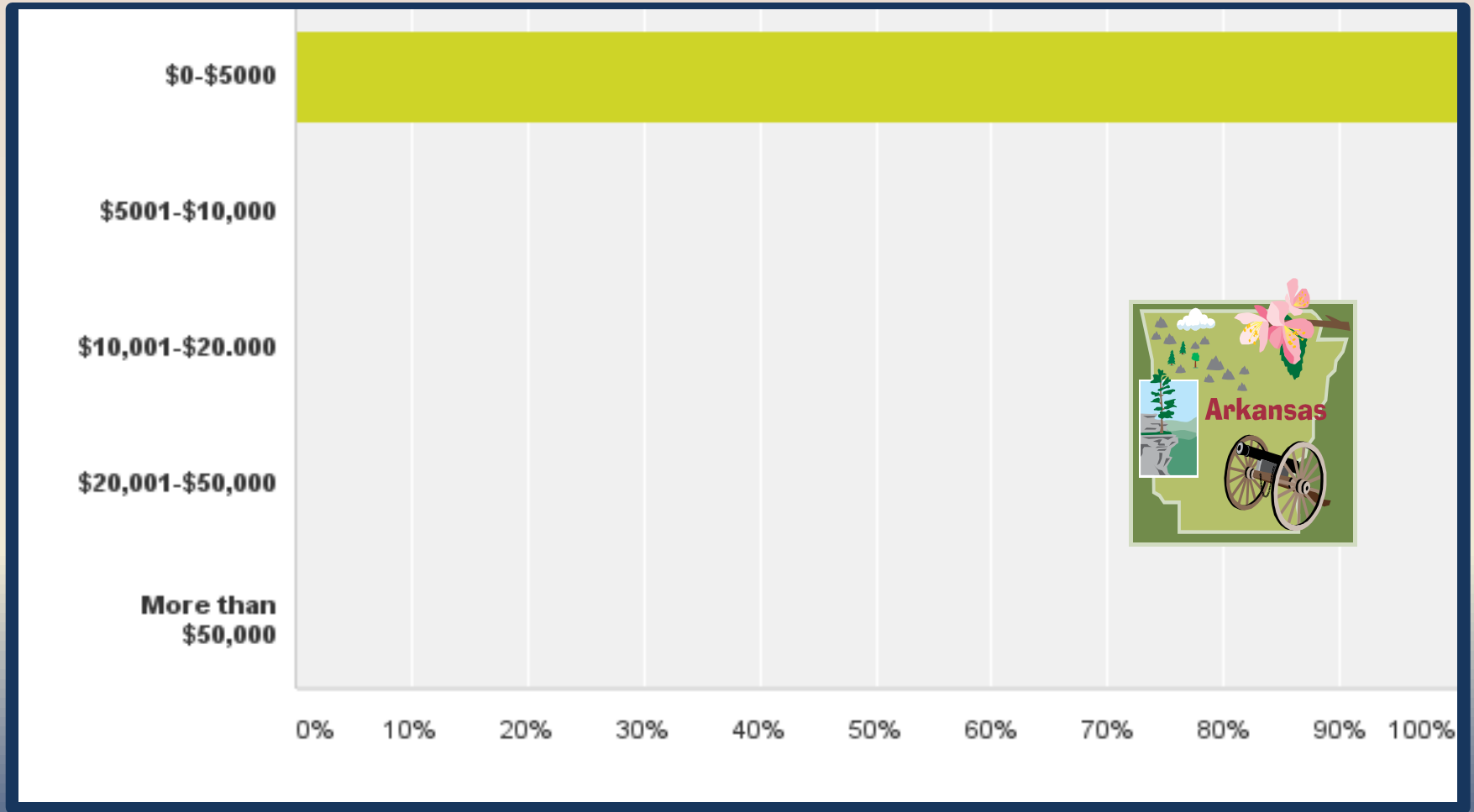
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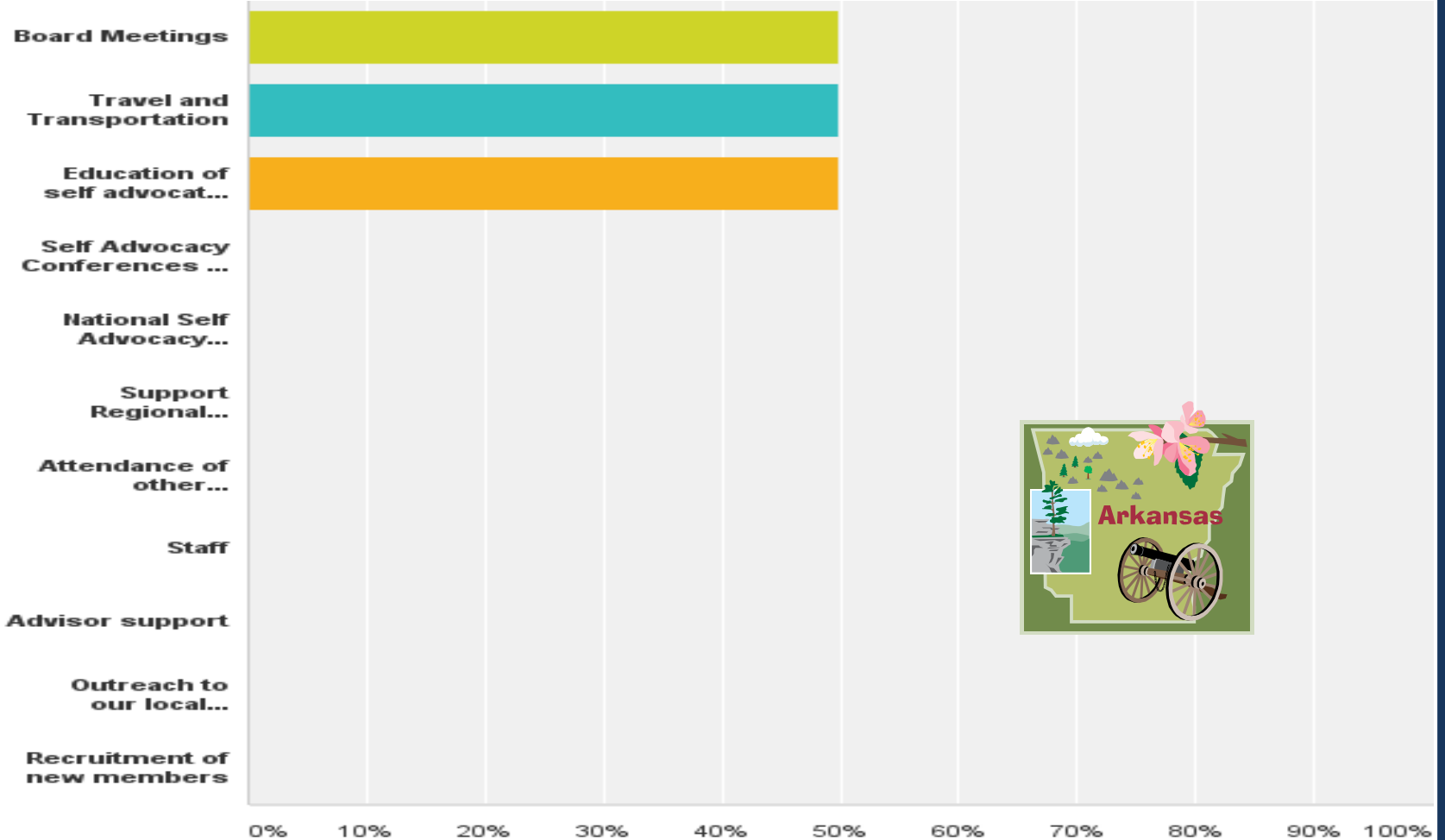
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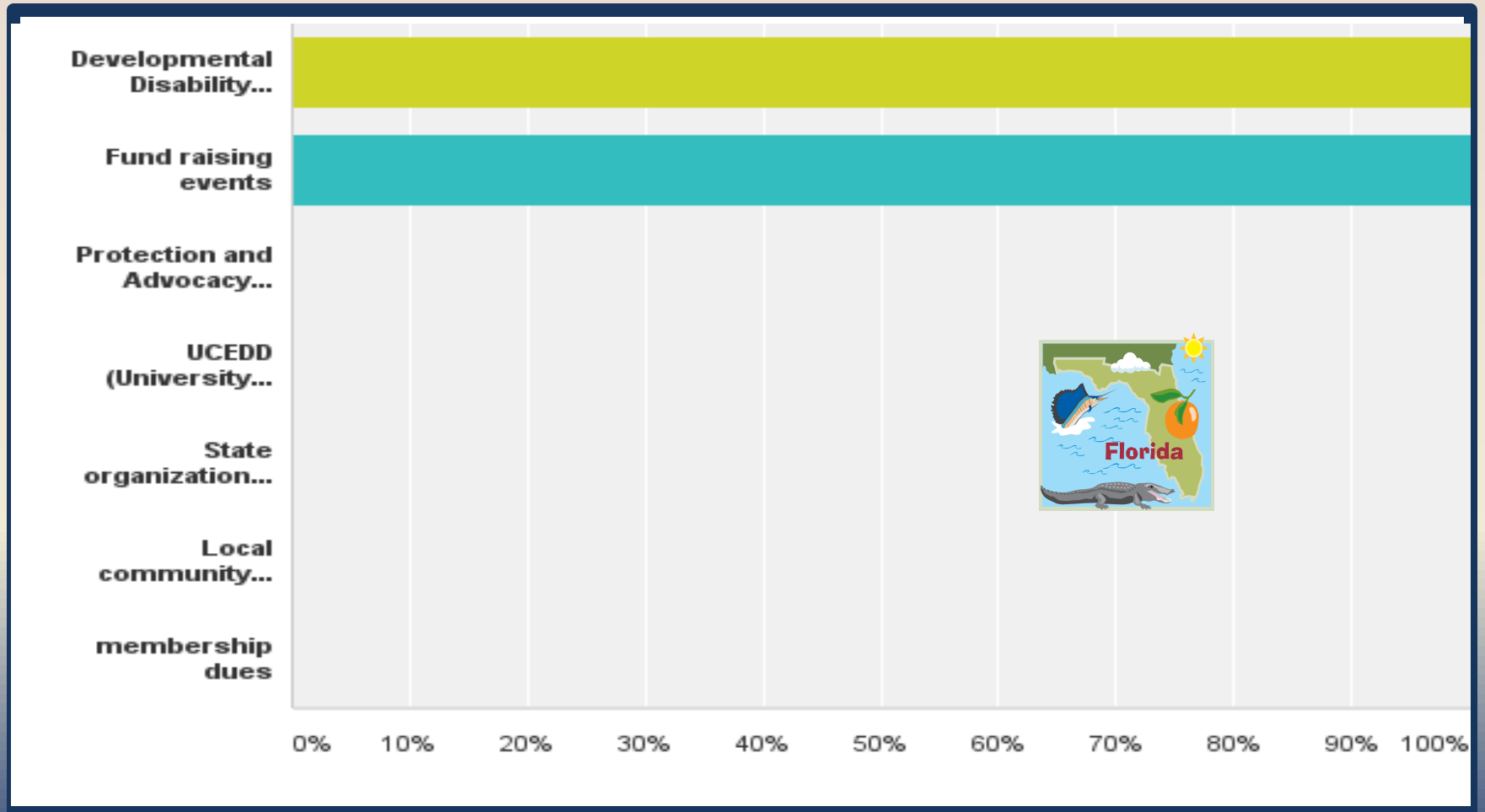
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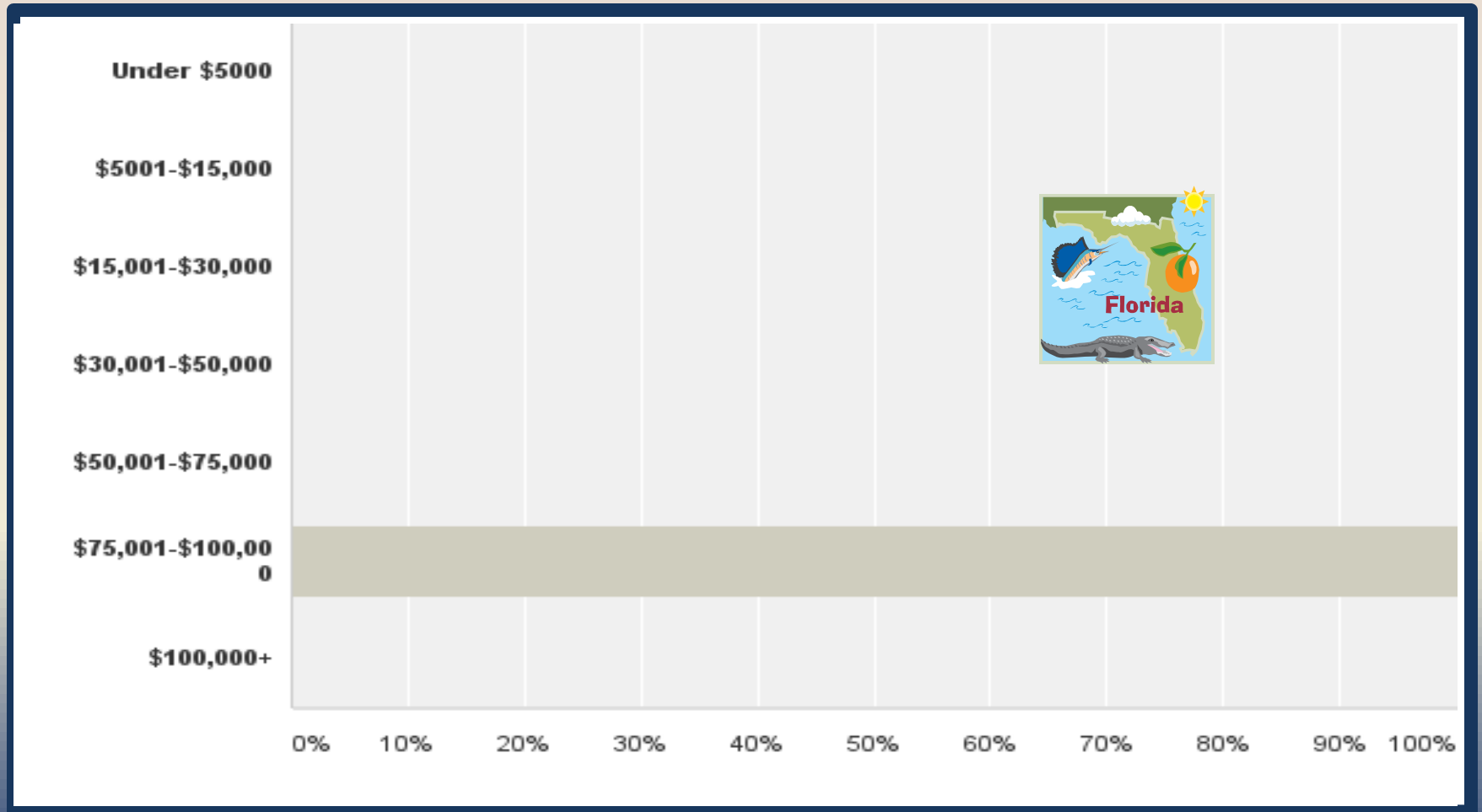




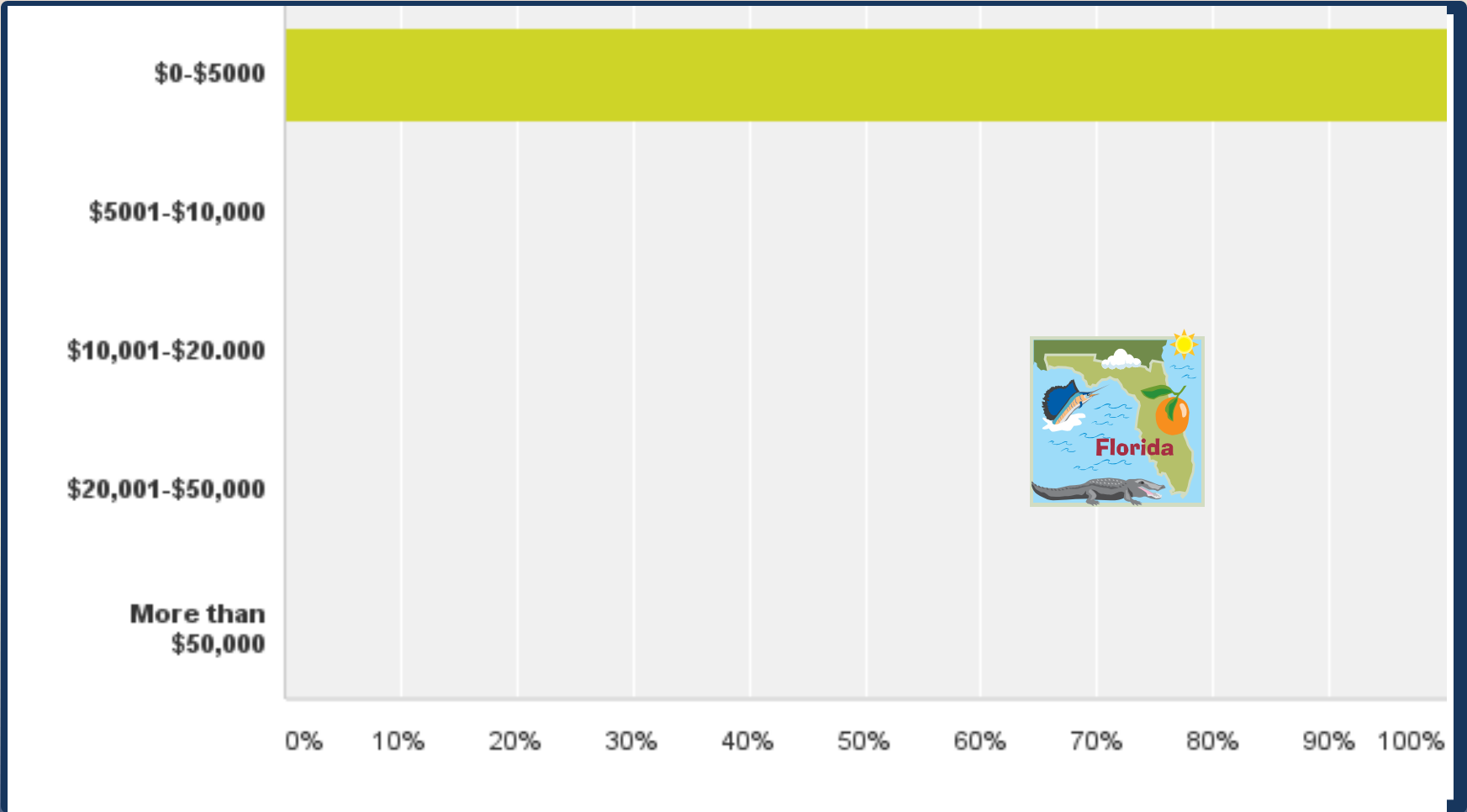
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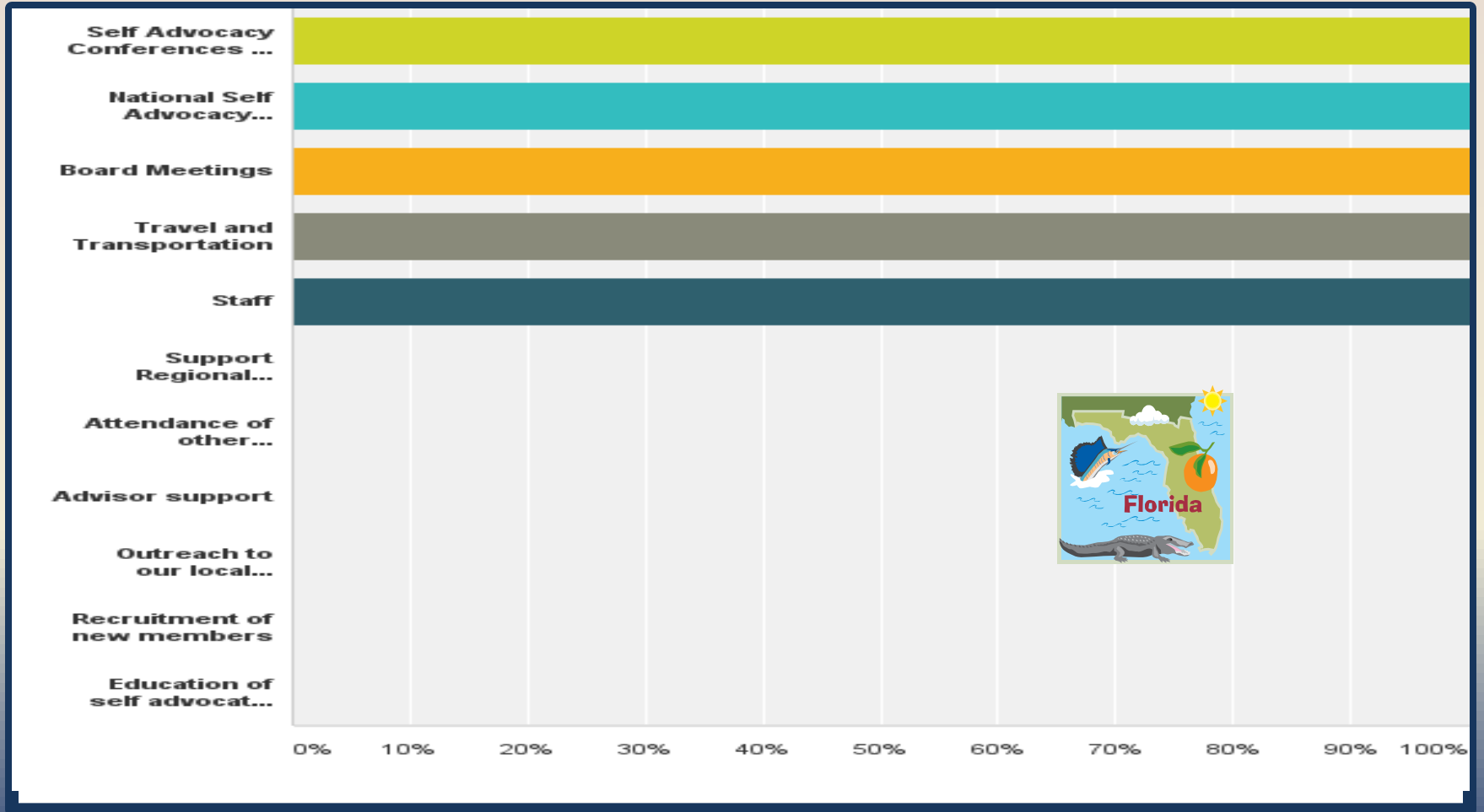
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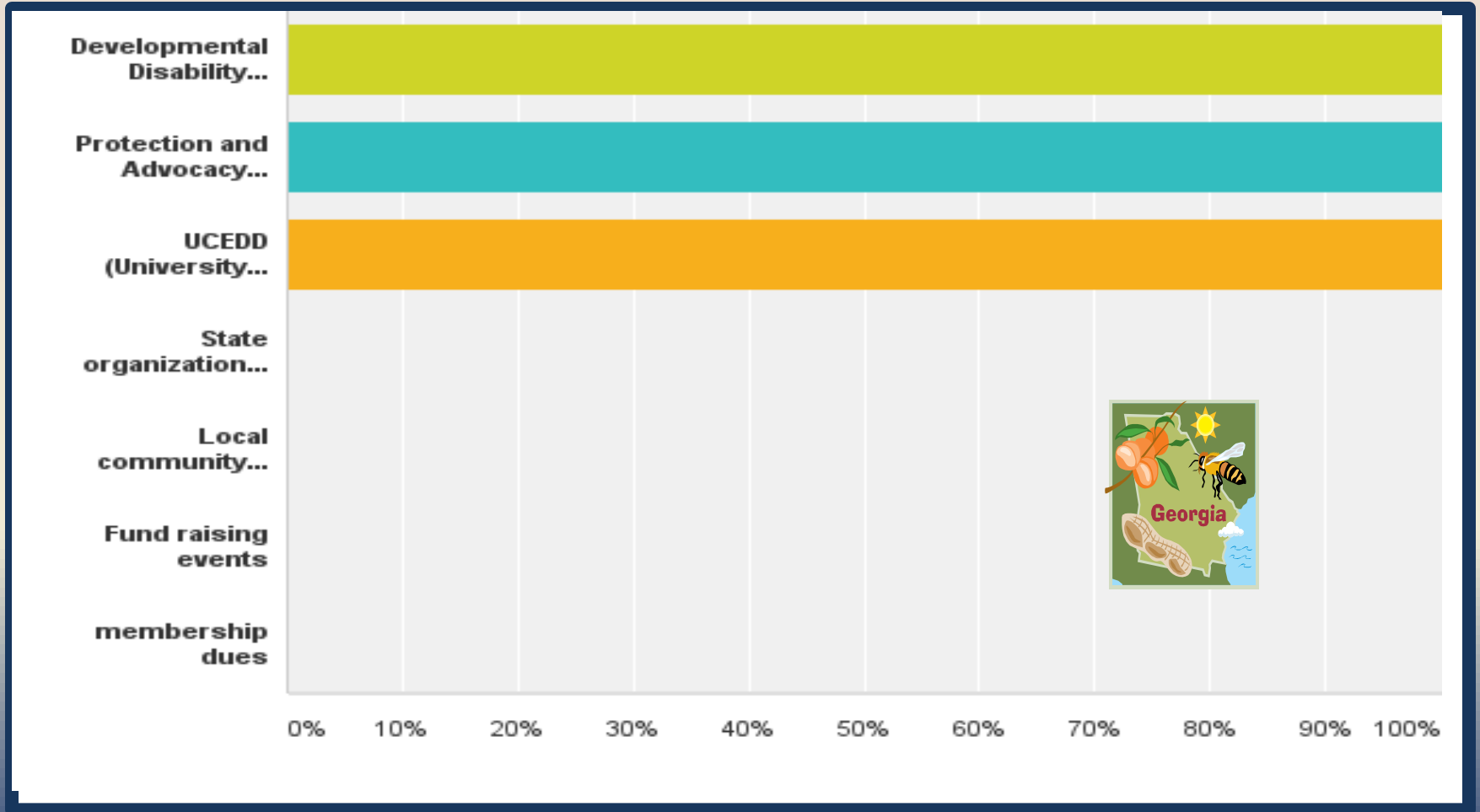
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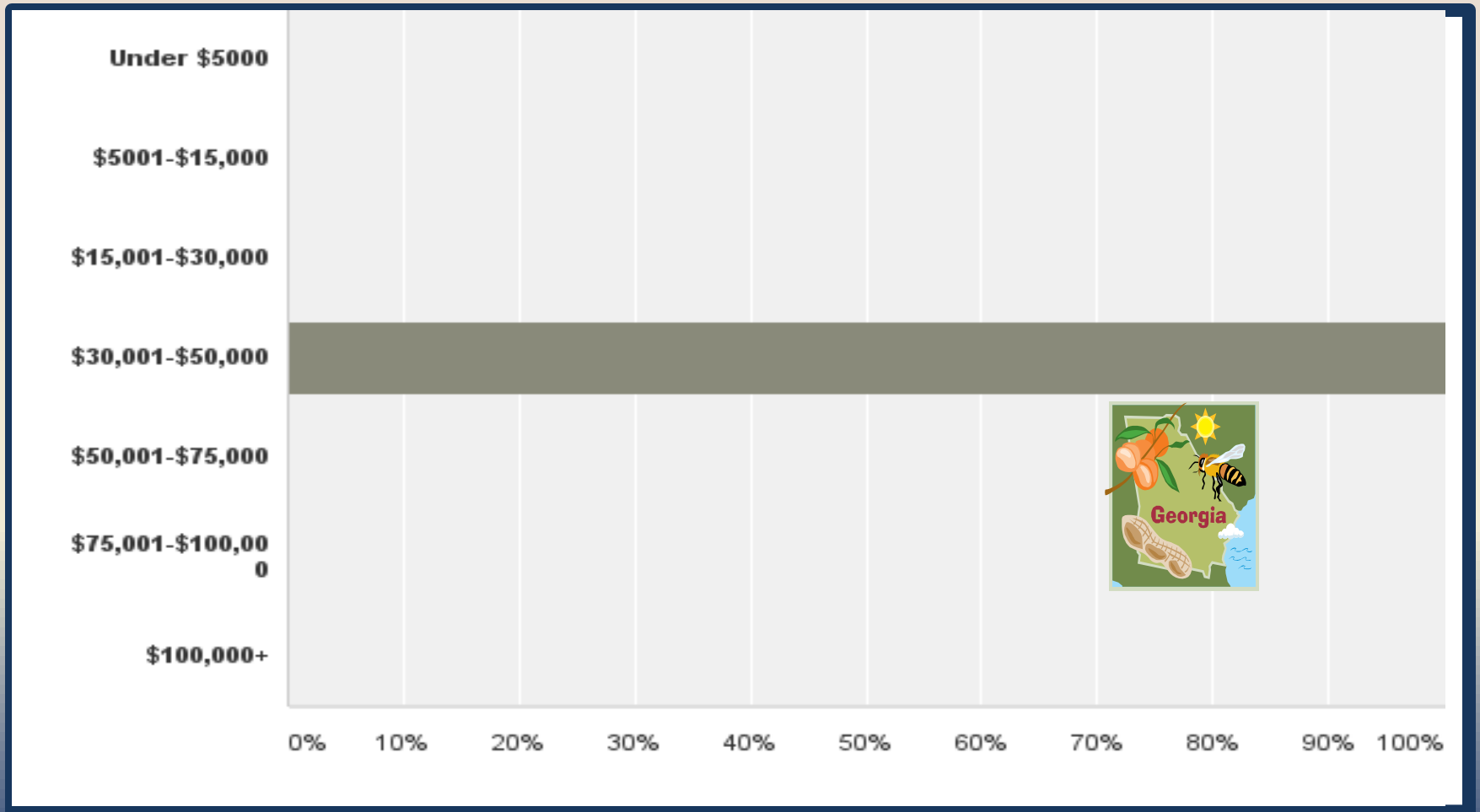




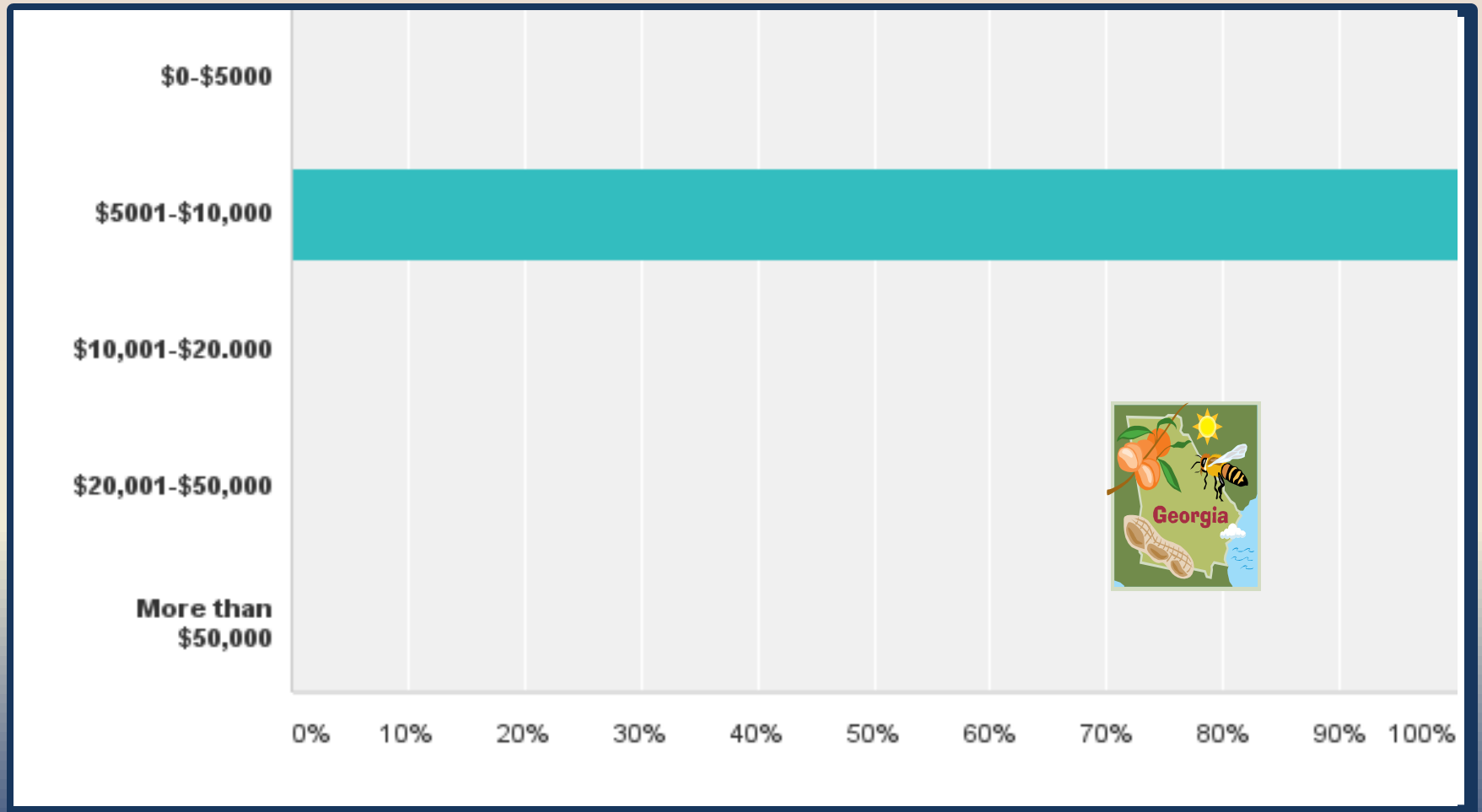
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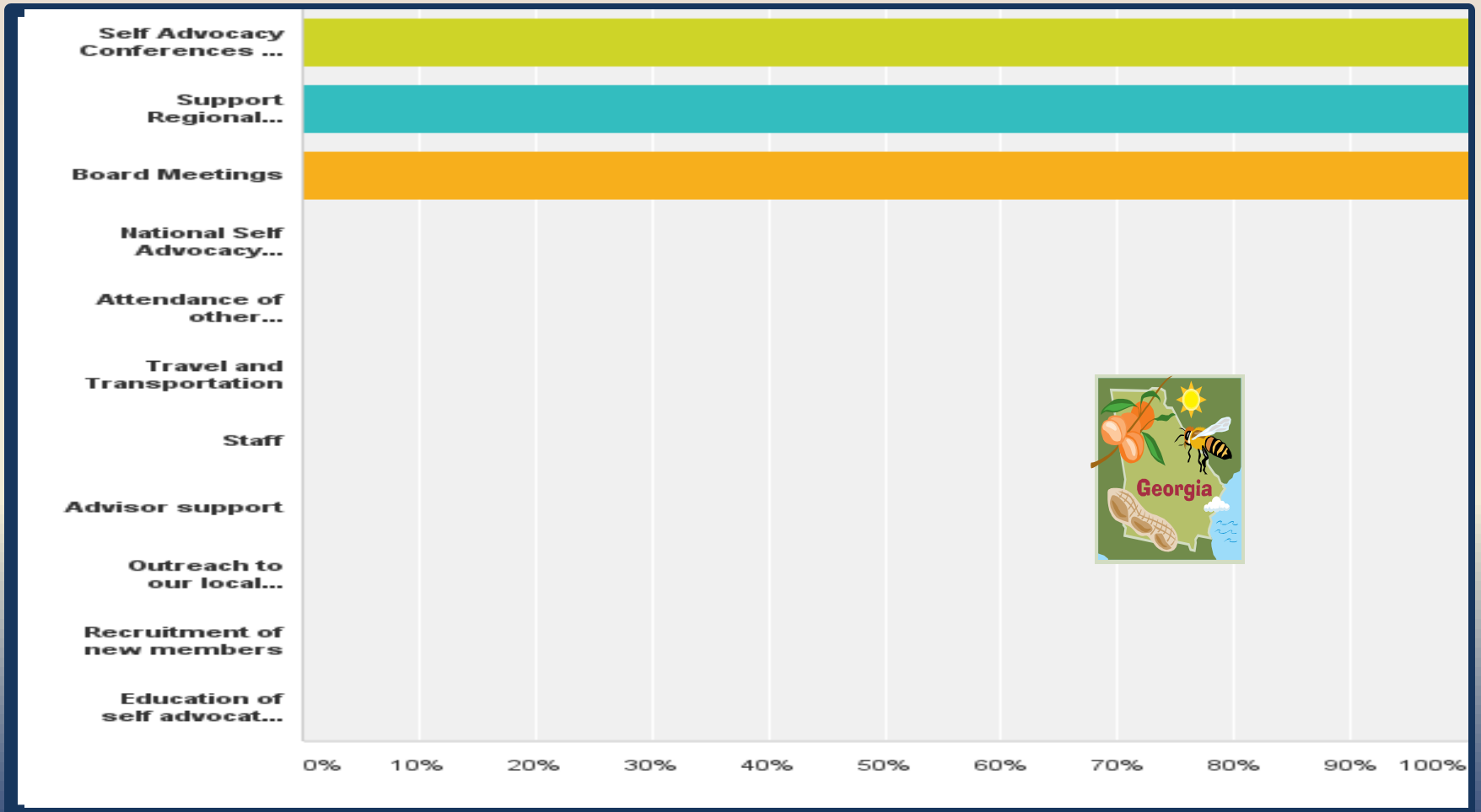
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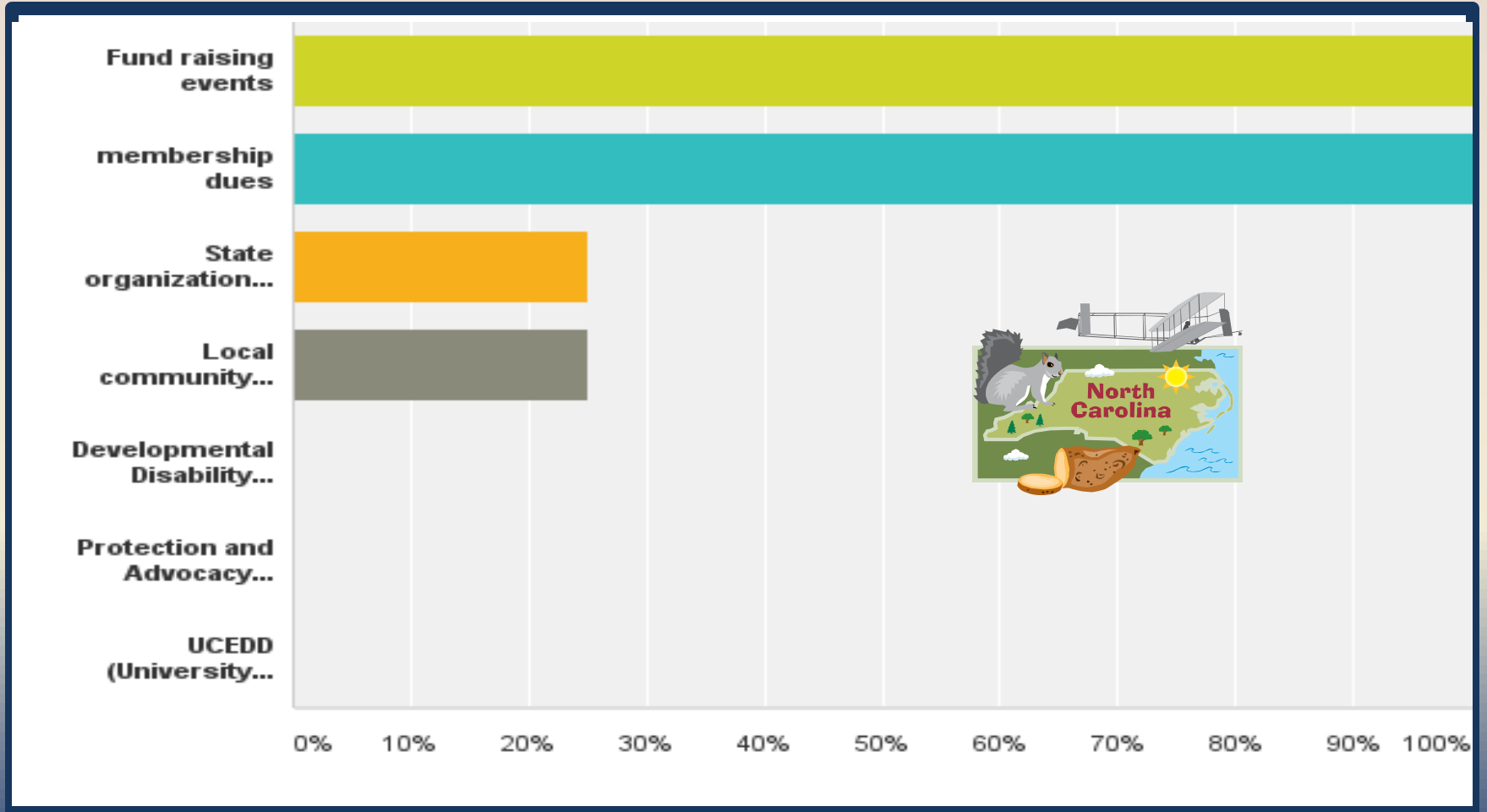
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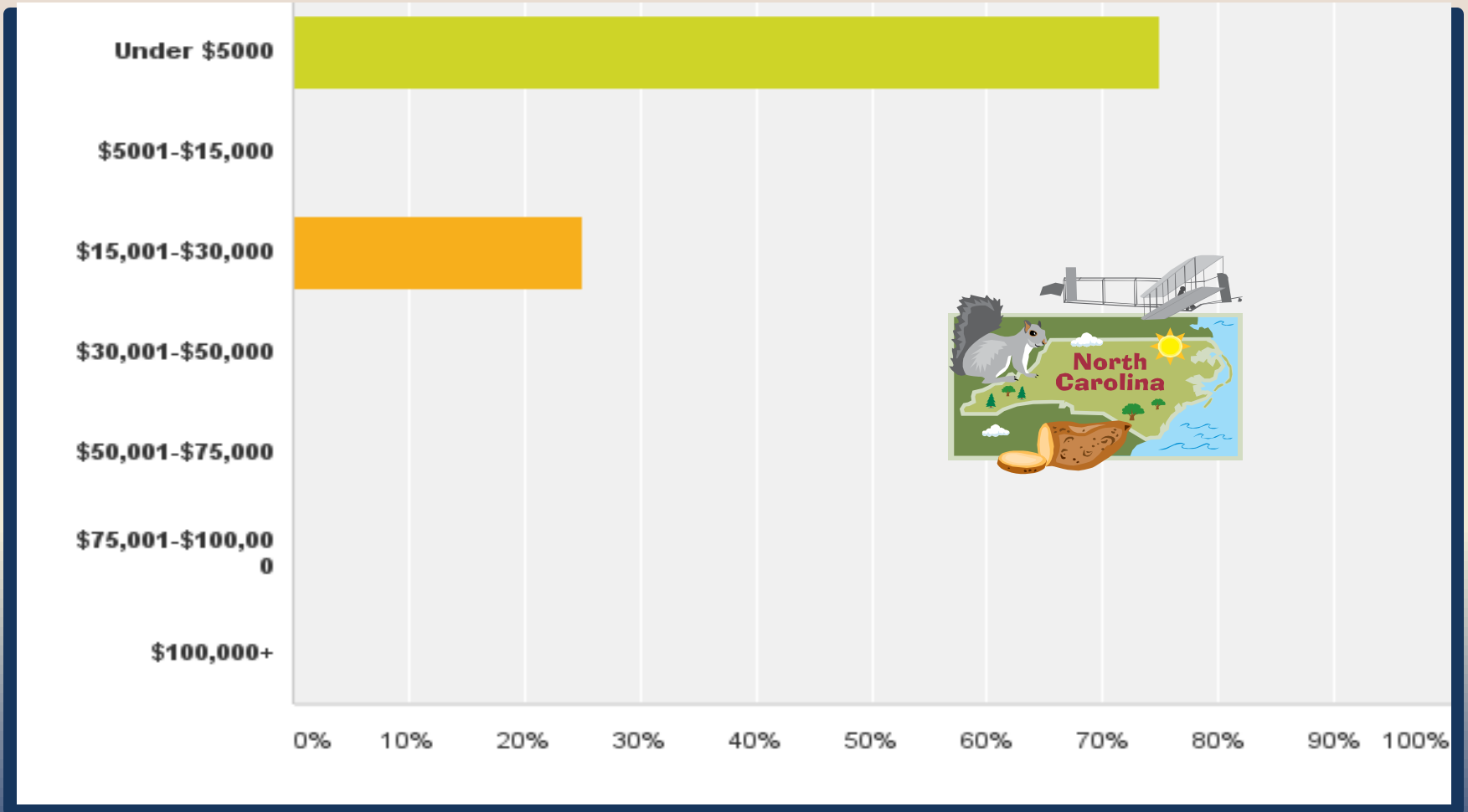




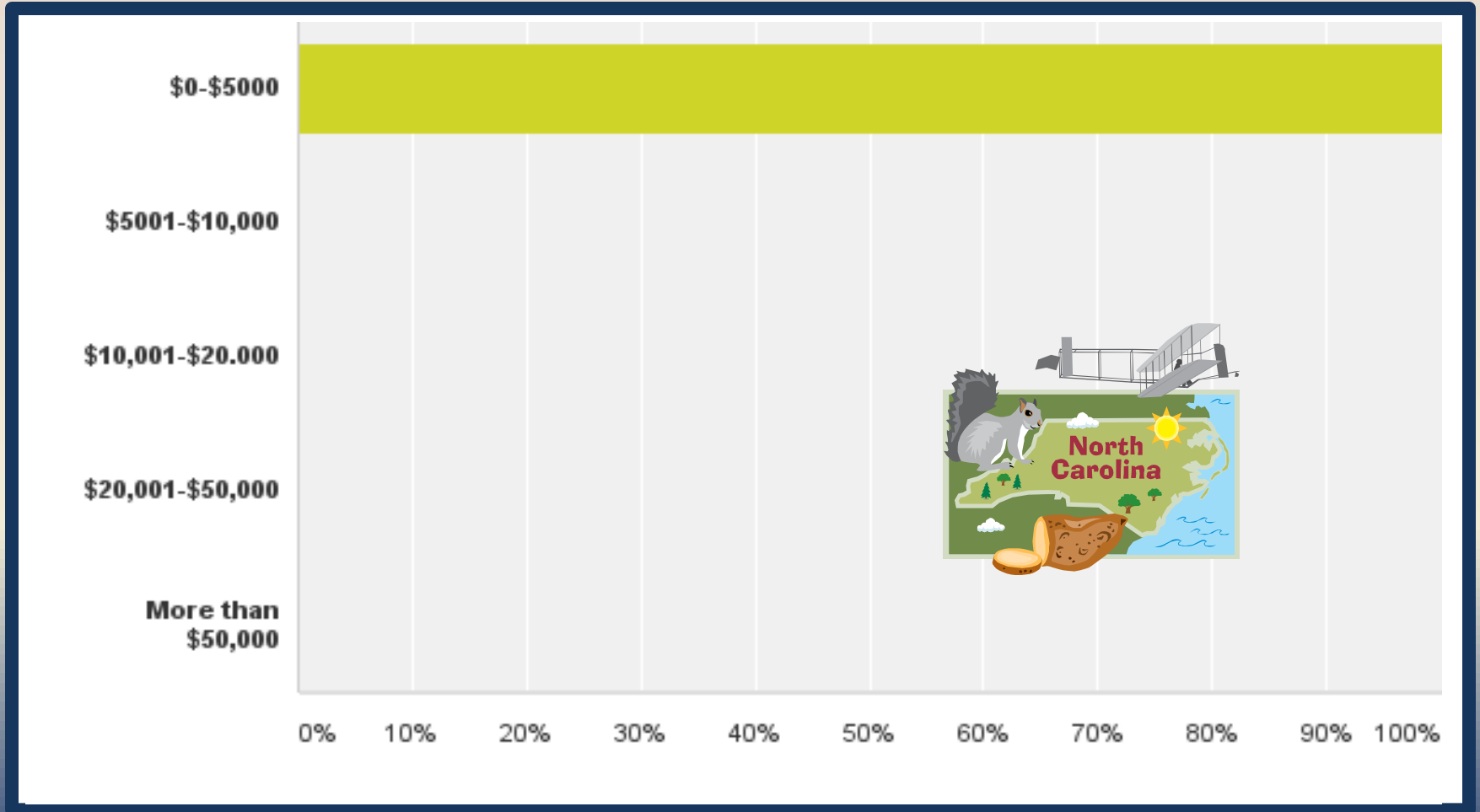
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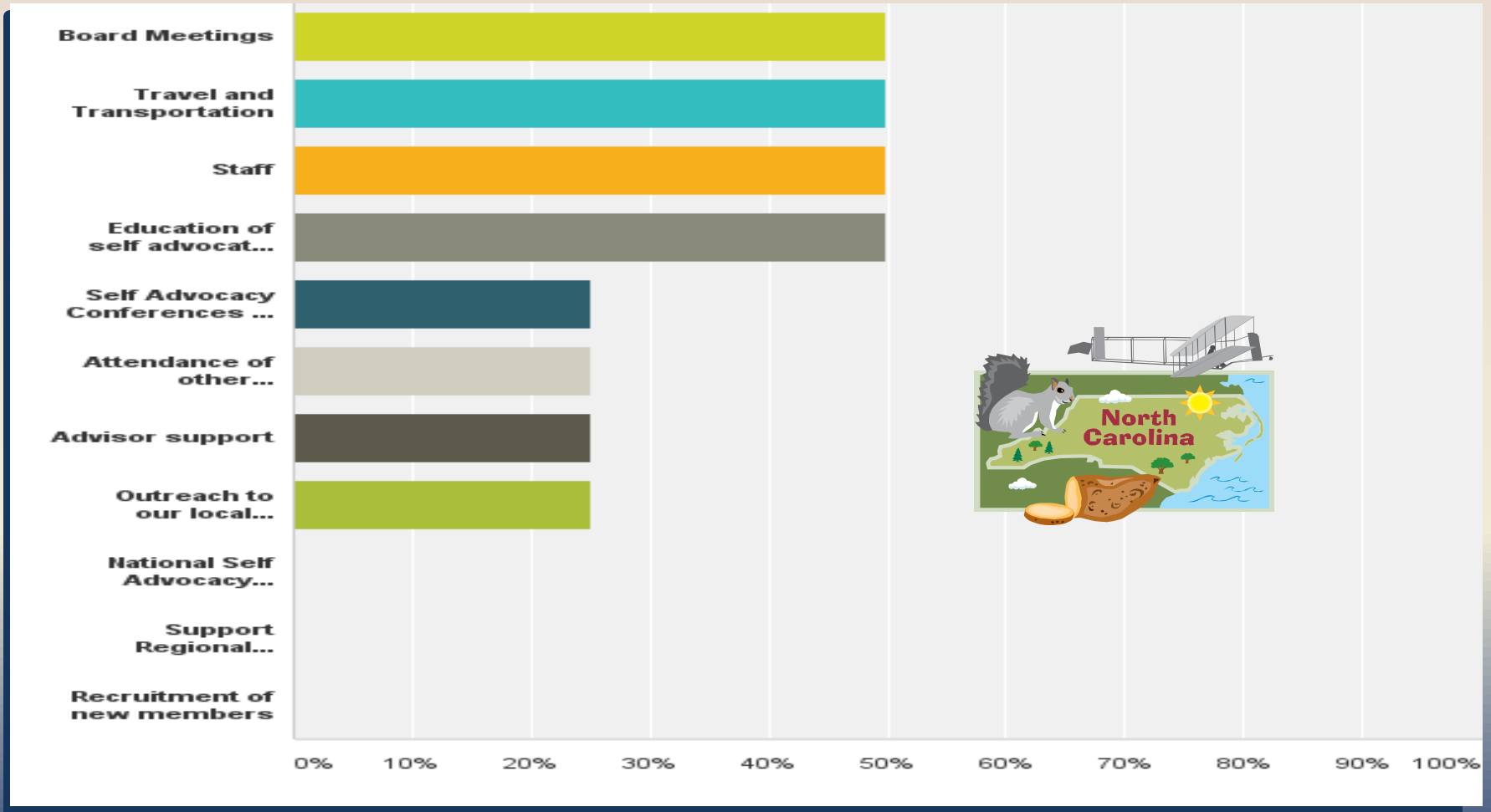
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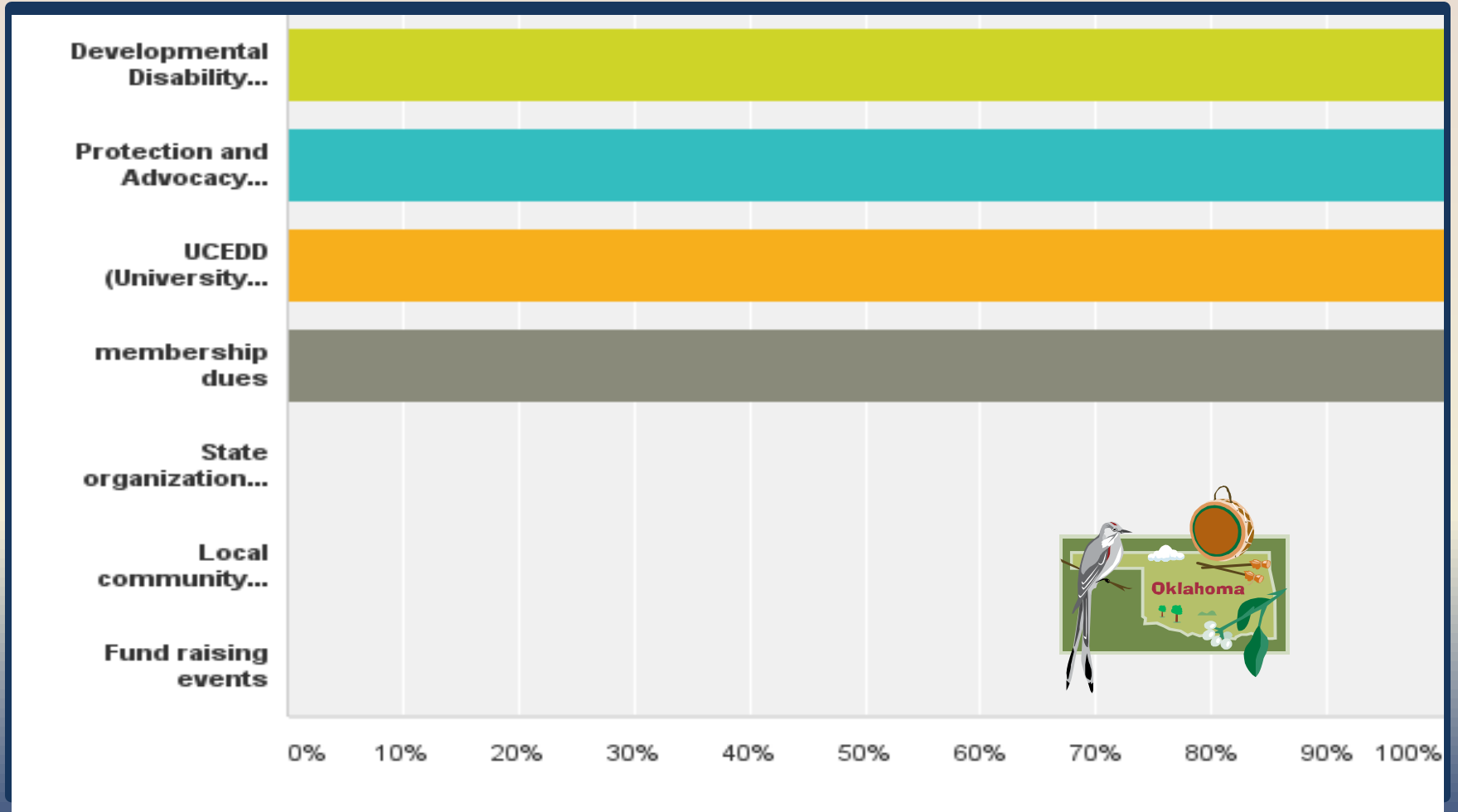
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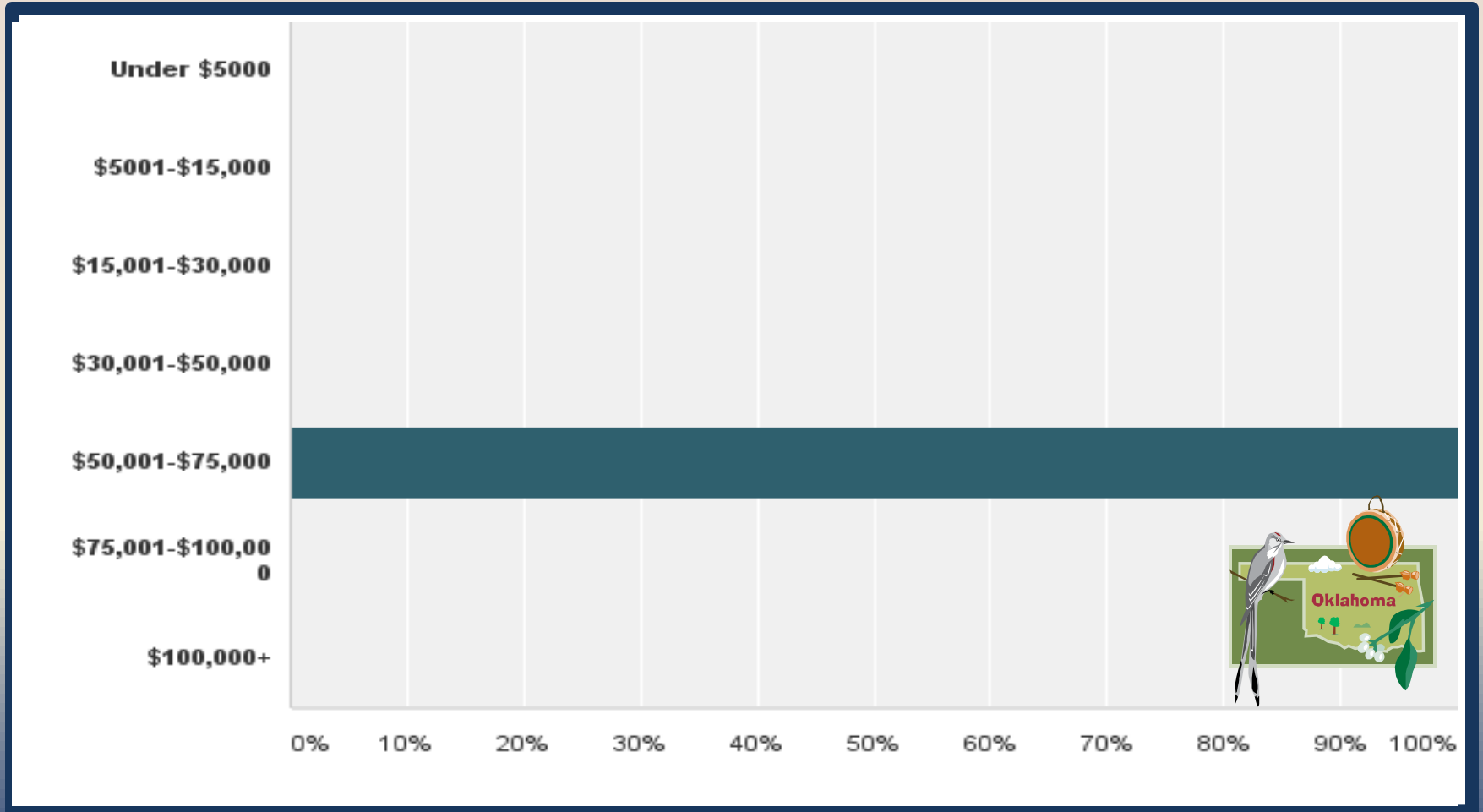




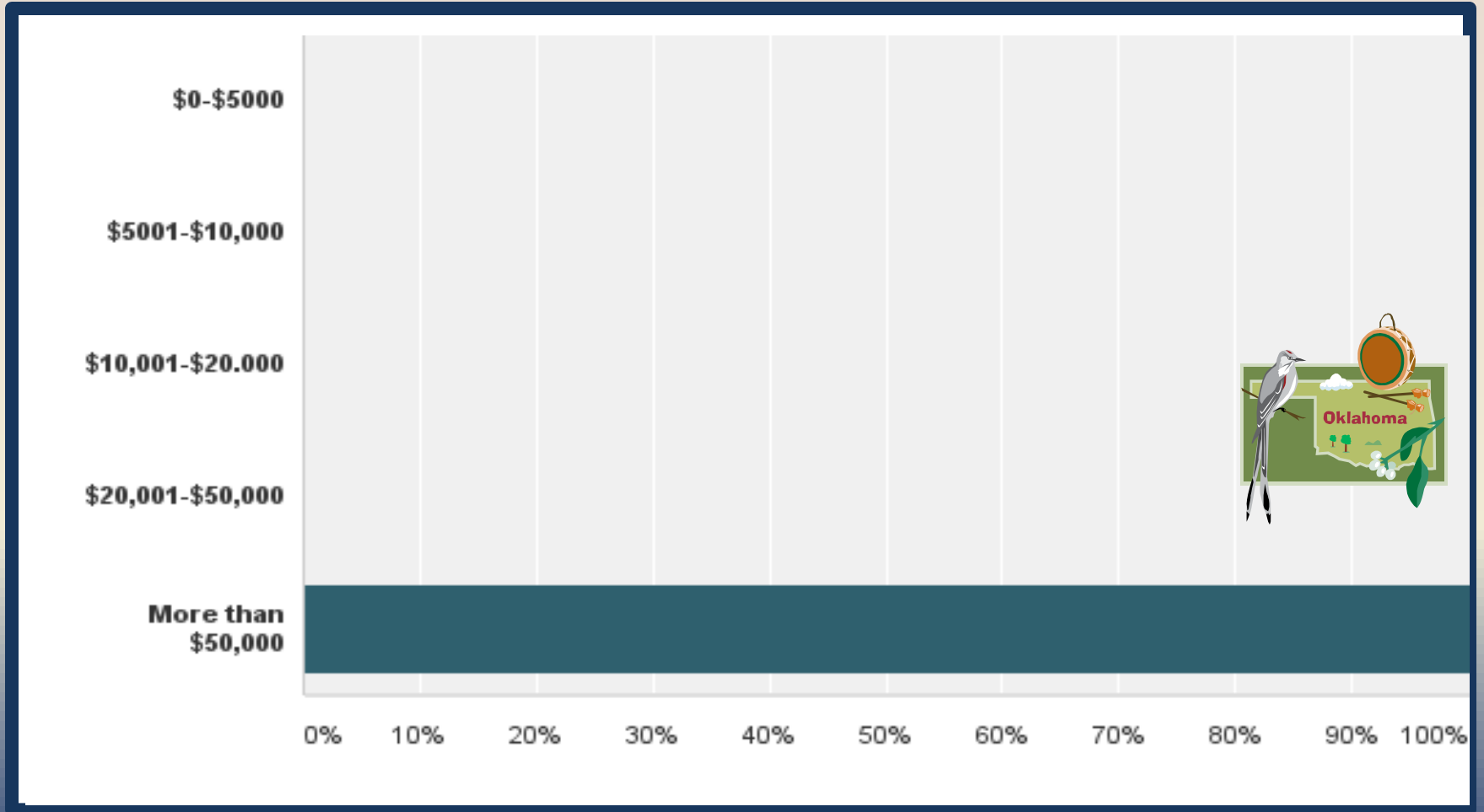
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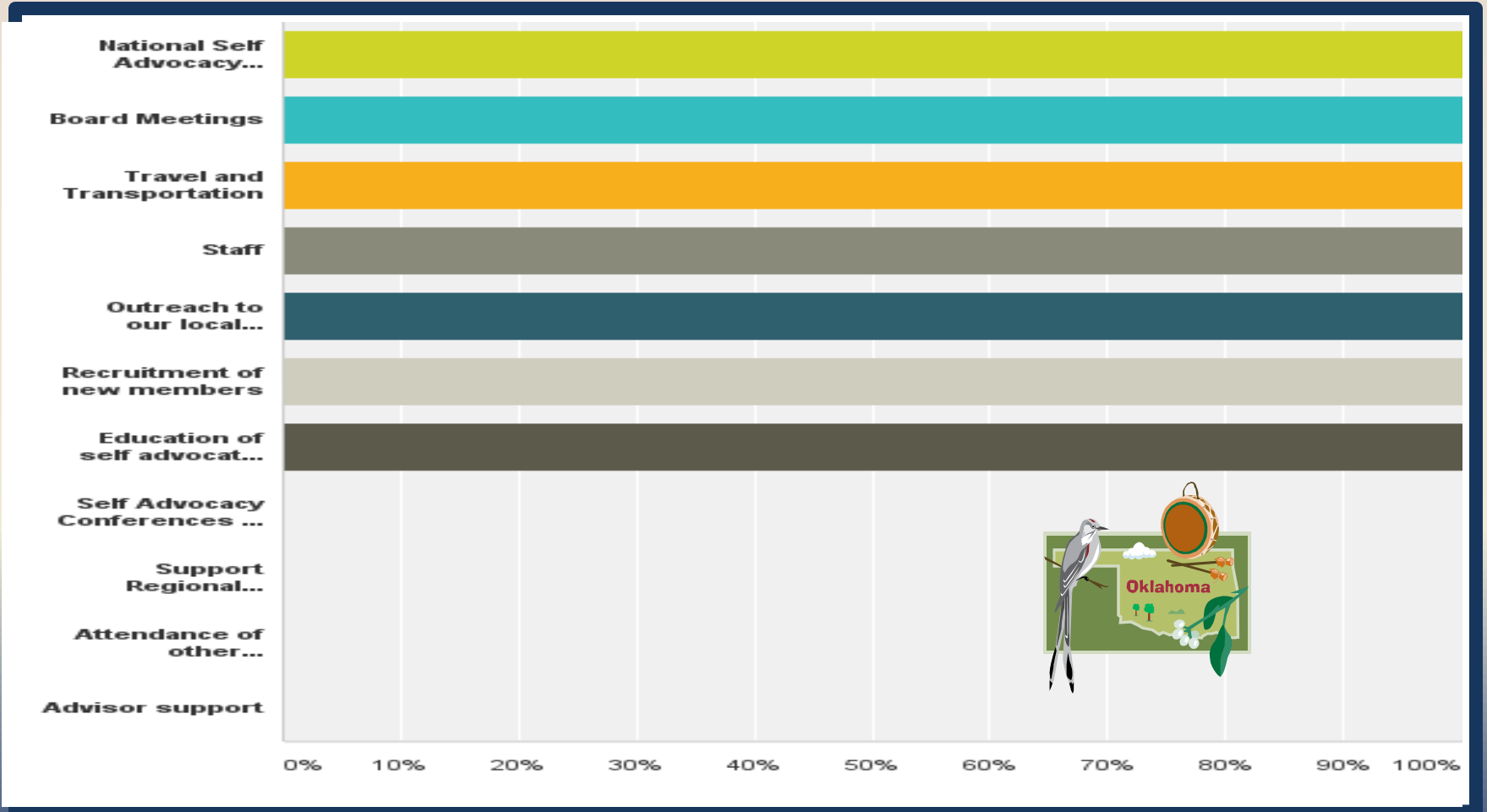
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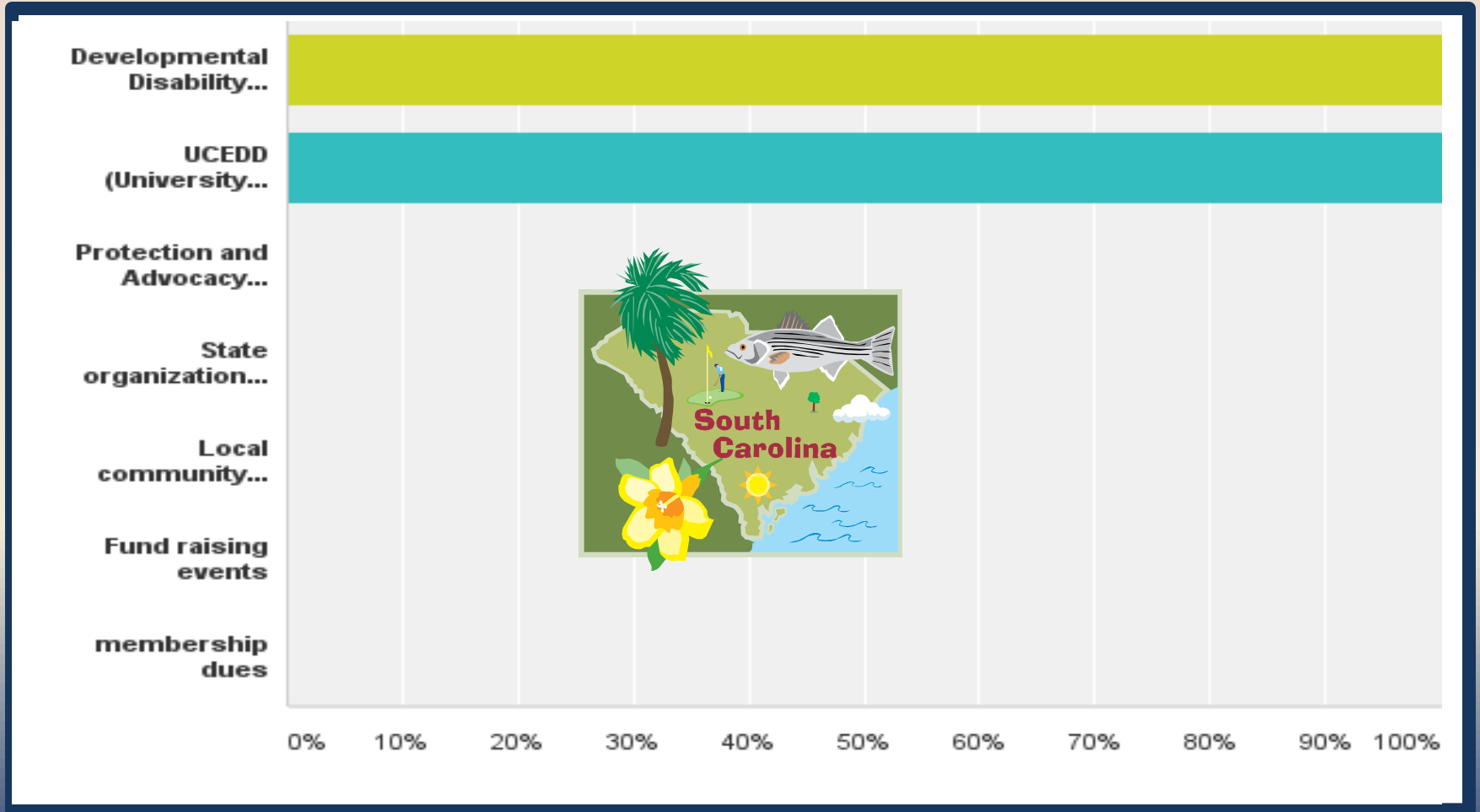
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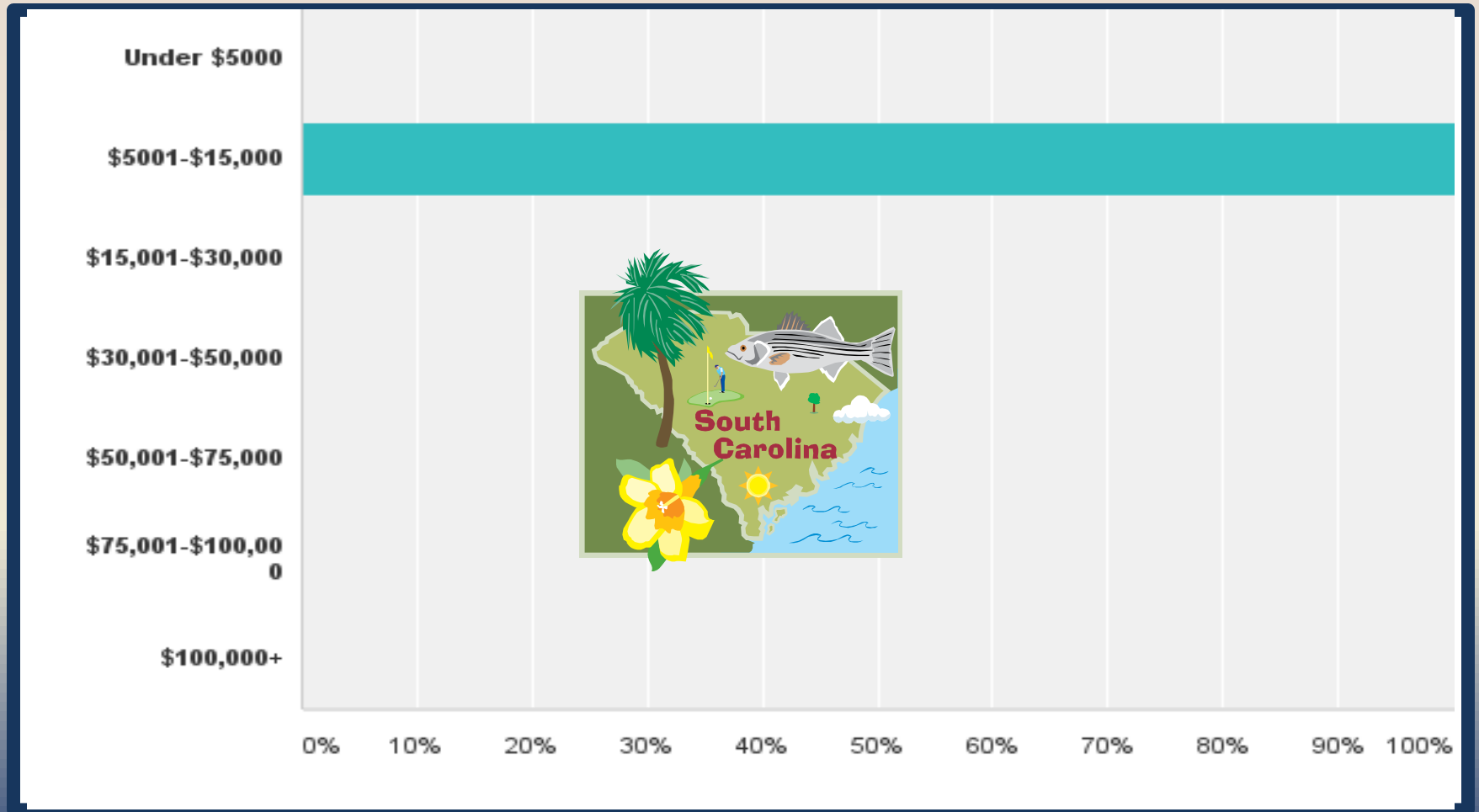




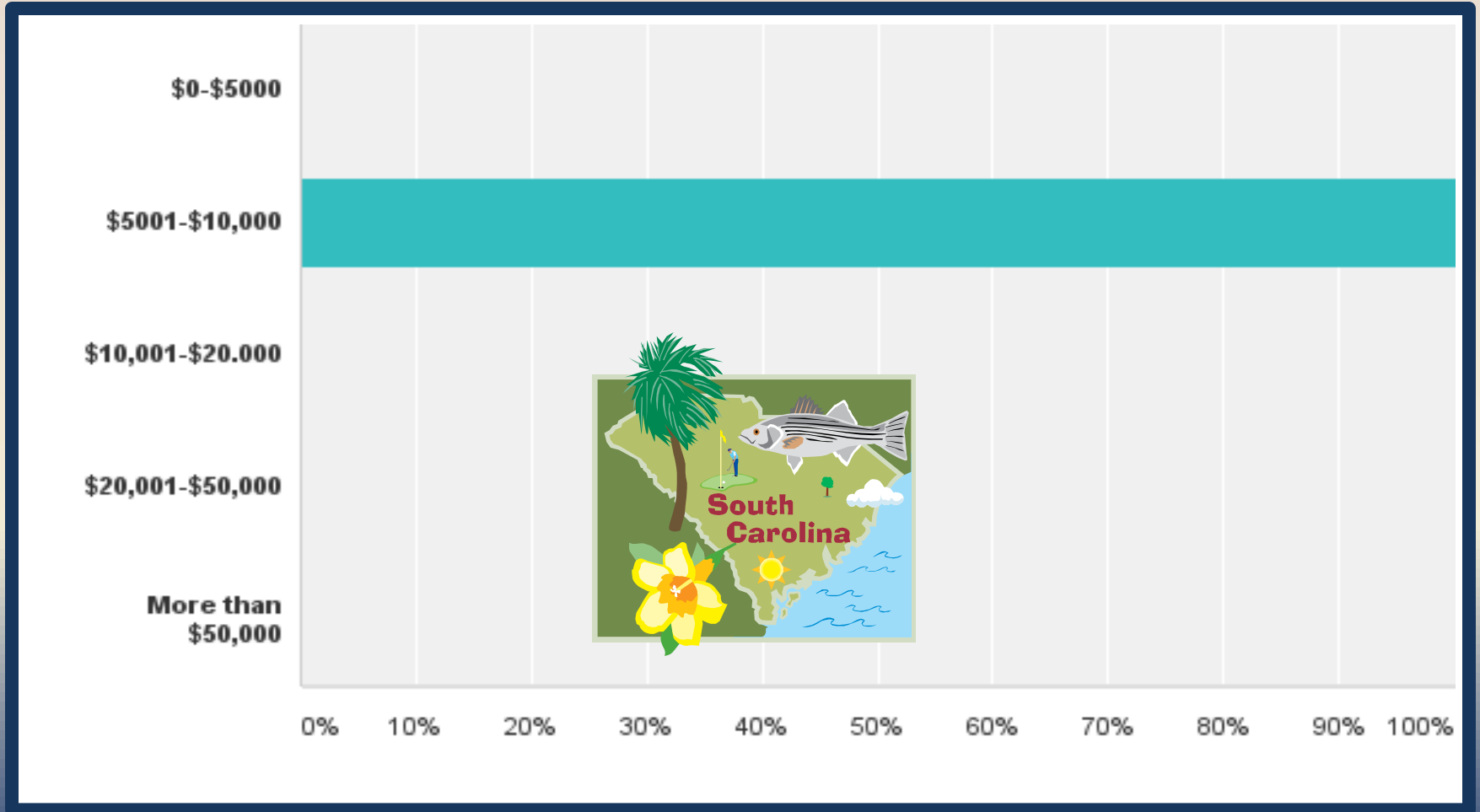
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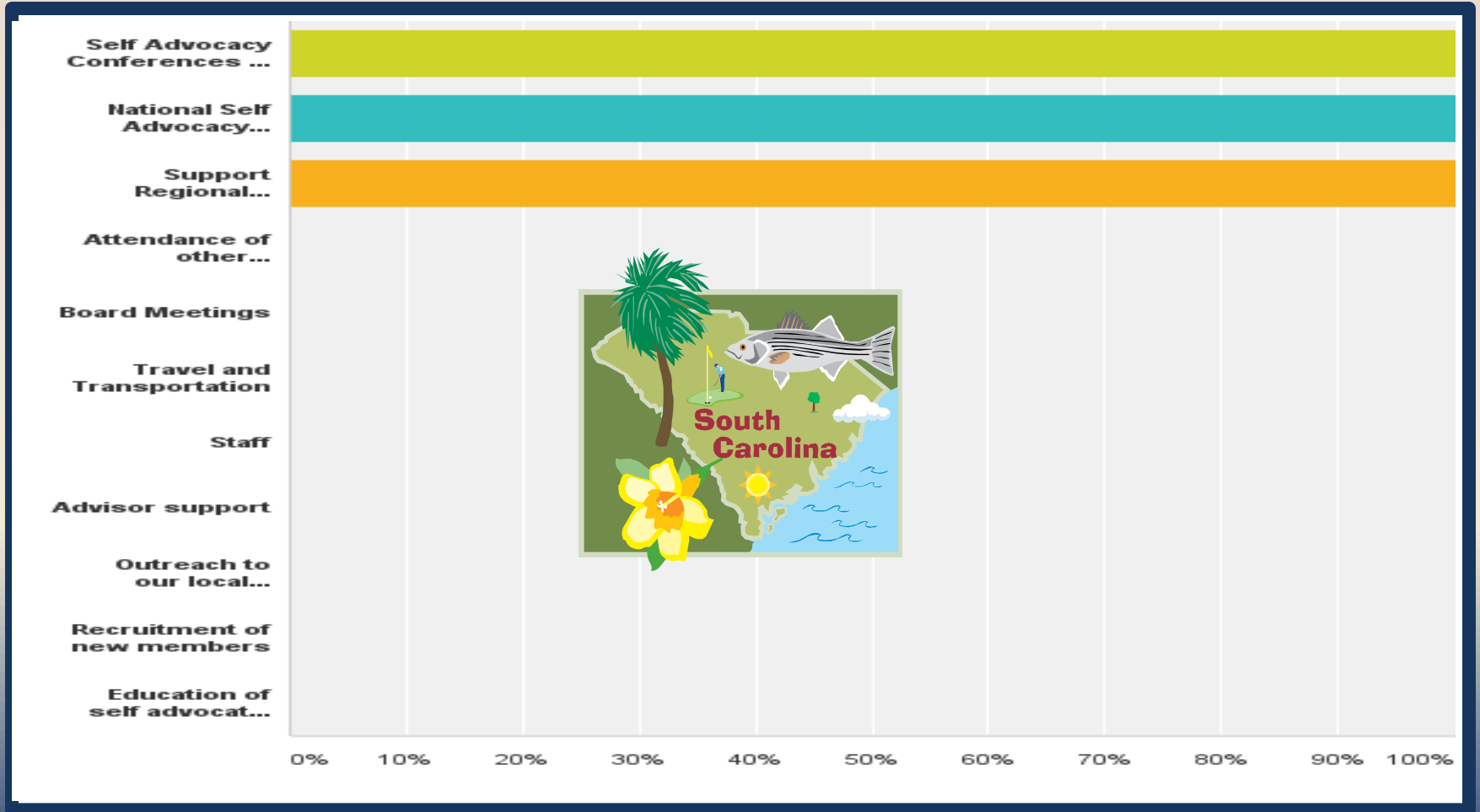
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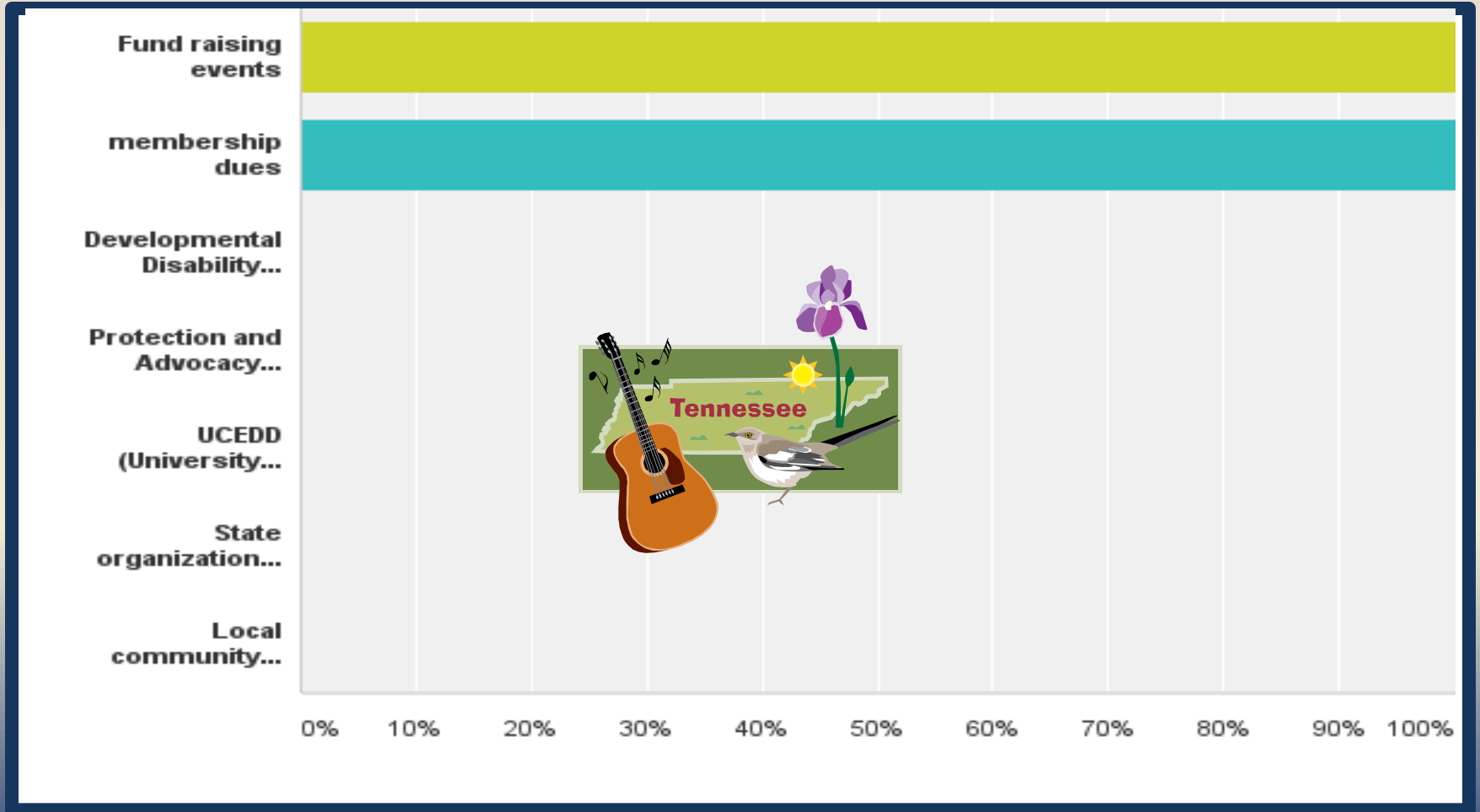
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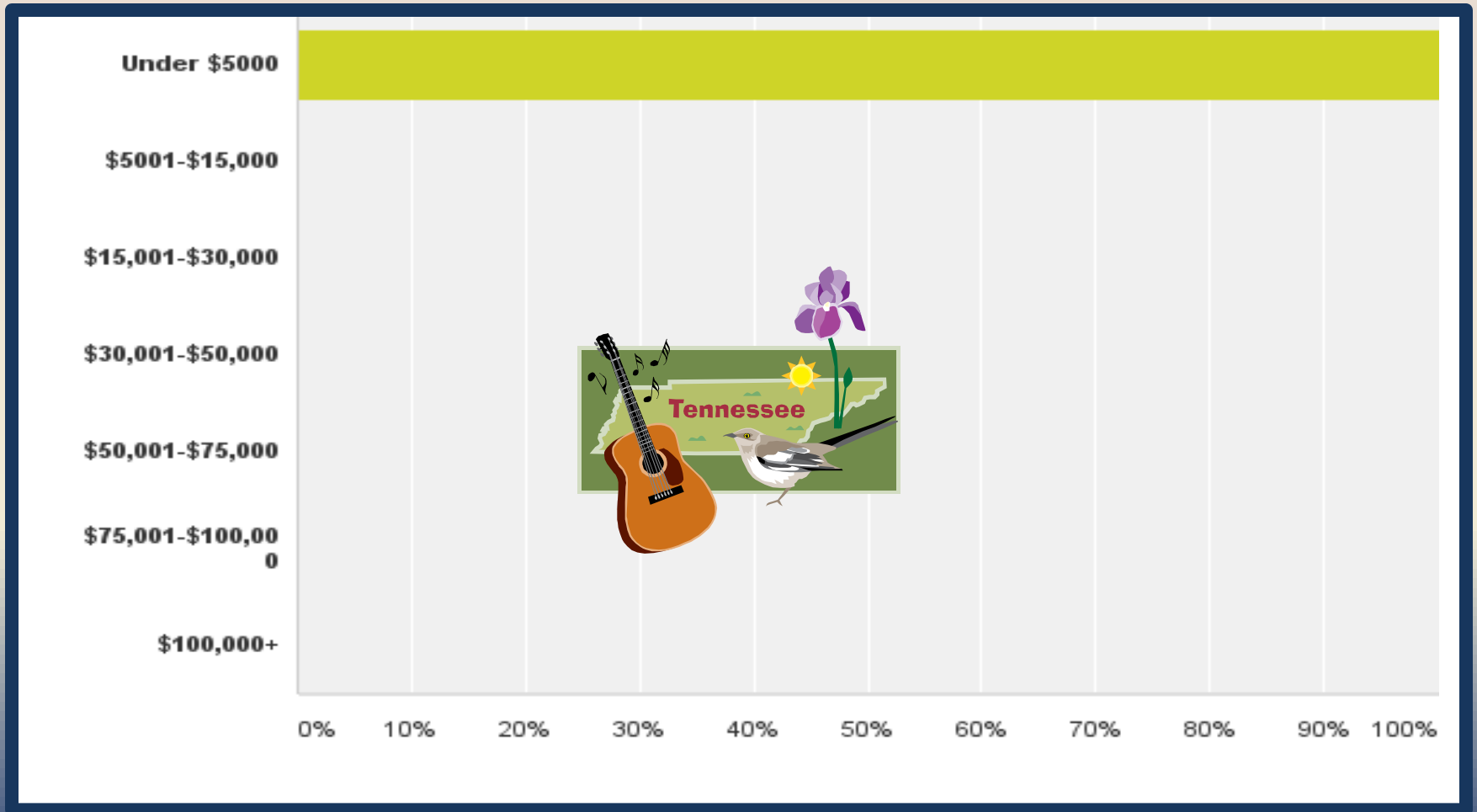




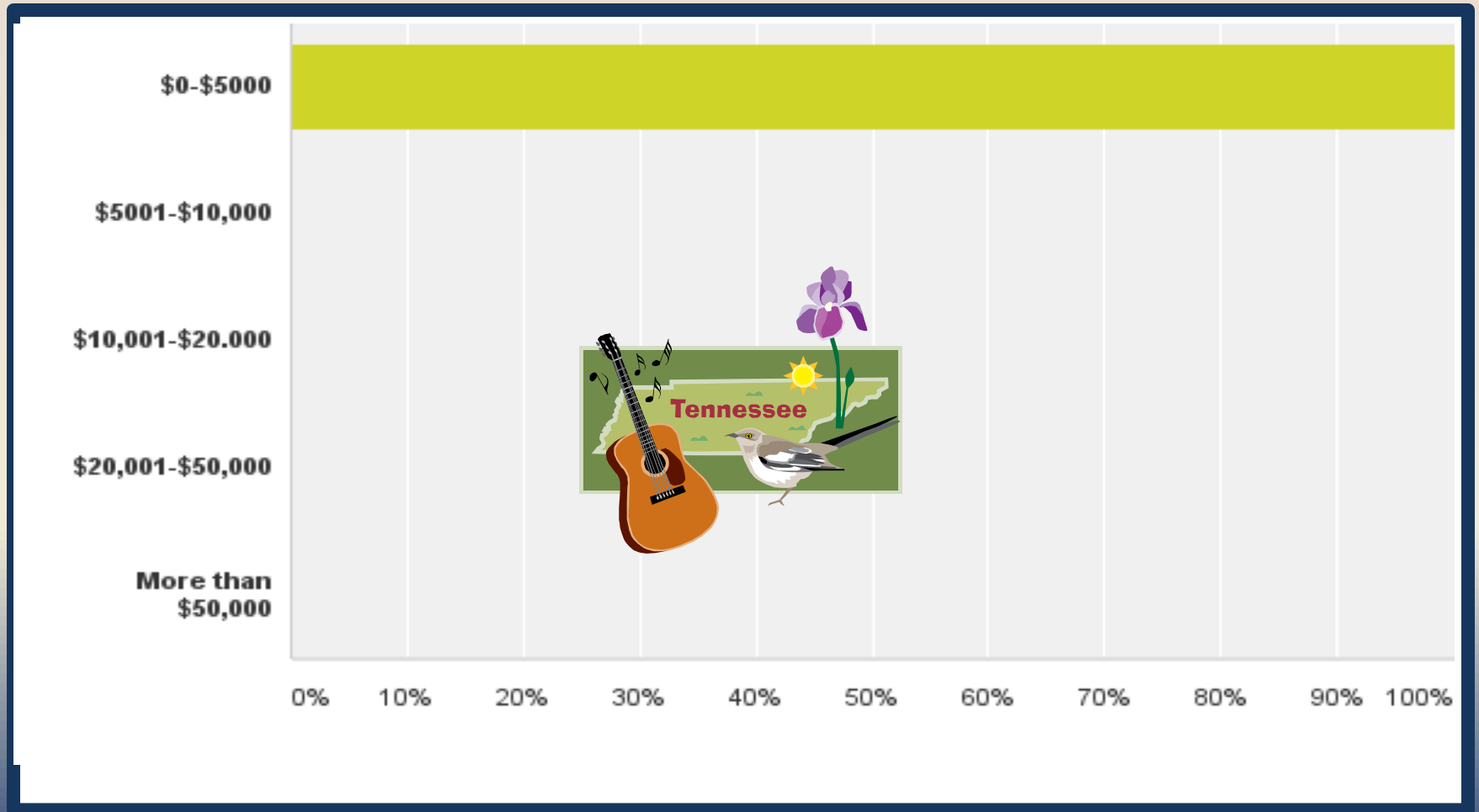
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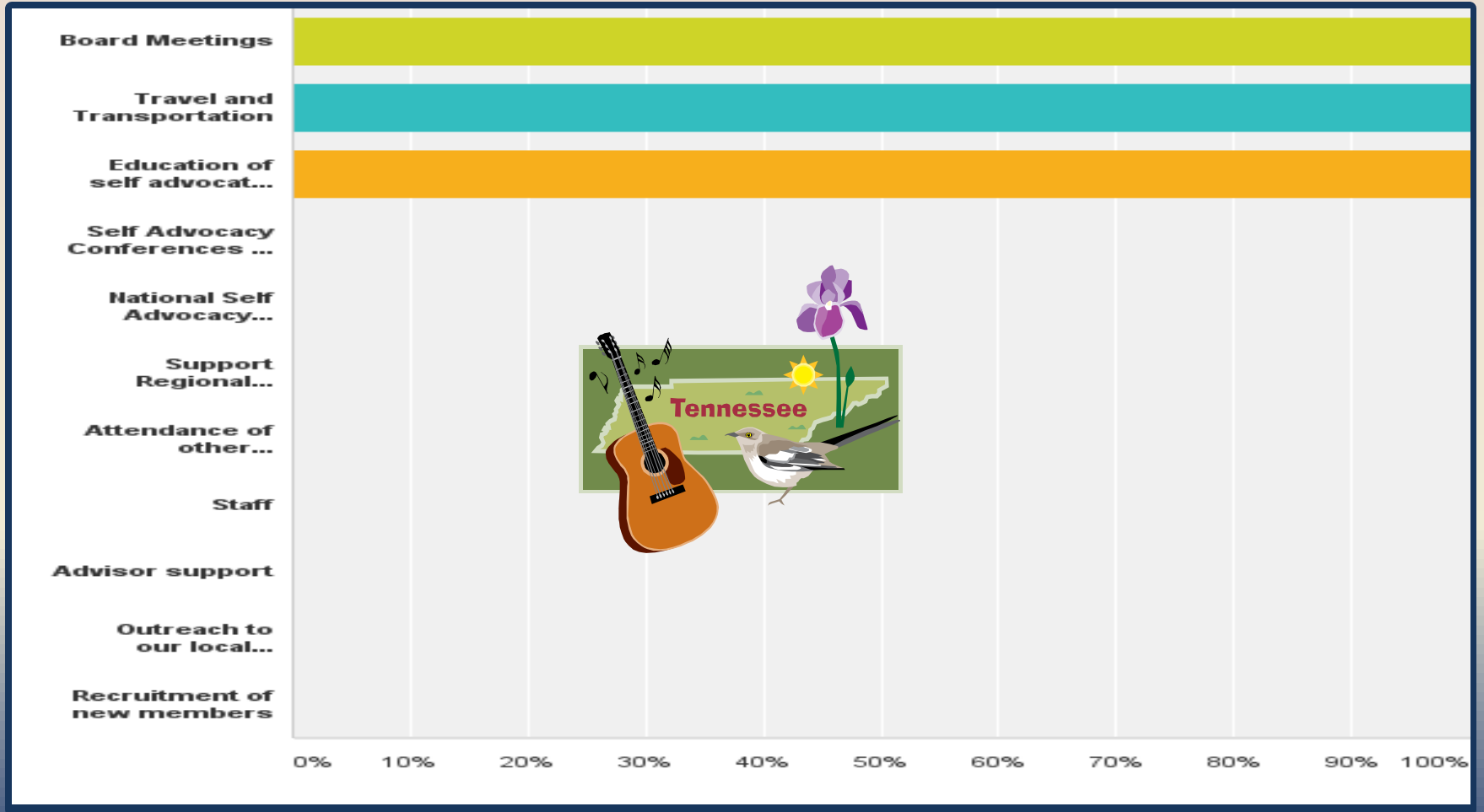
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Summary Results of the State Demographic Survey



Funders for OCSS States

Answer Choices	Responses	
Fund raising events	58.33%	7
membership dues	58.33%	7
Developmental Disability Council	50.00%	6
UCEDD (University Center on Excellence)	25.00%	3
Protection and Advocacy Organization	16.67%	2
State organization providing services and supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities and or developmental disabilities	16.67%	2
Local community organizations	8.33%	1
Total Respondents: 12		

Annual Budget for OCSS States

Answer Choices	Responses
Under \$5000	50.00% 6
\$5001-\$15,000	8.33% 1
\$15,001-\$30,000	8.33% 1
\$30,001-\$50,000	8.33% 1
\$50,001-\$75,000	8.33% 1
\$75,001-\$100,000	16.67% 2
\$100,000+	0.00% 0
Total	12

Our organizations savings or reserves

Answer Choices	Responses
\$0-\$5000	66.67% 8
\$5001-\$10,000	16.67% 2
\$10,001-\$20,000	0.00% 0
\$20,001-\$50,000	0.00% 0
More than \$50,000	16.67% 2
Total	12

How we spend our money

Answer Choices	Responses	
Board Meetings	66.67%	8
Travel and Transportation	58.33%	7
Education of self advocates and others on issues of importance	50.00%	6
Self Advocacy Conferences in our state	41.67%	5
Staff	41.67%	5
National Self Advocacy Conference attendance	33.33%	4
Support Regional Representative/Alternate to Attend SABE Board meetings	25.00%	3
Outreach to our local groups and chapters	25.00%	3
Attendance of other conferences	16.67%	2
Recruitment of new members	16.67%	2
Advisor support	8.33%	1
Total Respondents: 12		

Successful funding strategies based on our experiences

- Structure must be in place to support the organization
 - Staff and Volunteers
- Consistent funder(s) for grassroots development and basis self advocacy outreach and education
 - Oklahoma's Trust Fund
 - Alabama Department of Mental Health
- Projects to support work on our issues



What has been successful funding strategies that OCSS states have used?

- Money that is not tied to staff or projects that we can use for special events
 - this is called discretionary money we called it savings or reserves)
 - Corporate sponsorships
 - Donations
 - Outcome based contracts
 - Fees from conferences



What has been successful funding strategies that OCSS states have used?

- Well developed Strategic Plan with a Business Plan
- Multiple sources of funding-state, federal fundraising, outcome based contracting
- Good Relationships with your Partners
- Following through with activities and doing what we say we will do
- Good accounting practices
- Grant writers (volunteer or paid)



Questions



Thank you!



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