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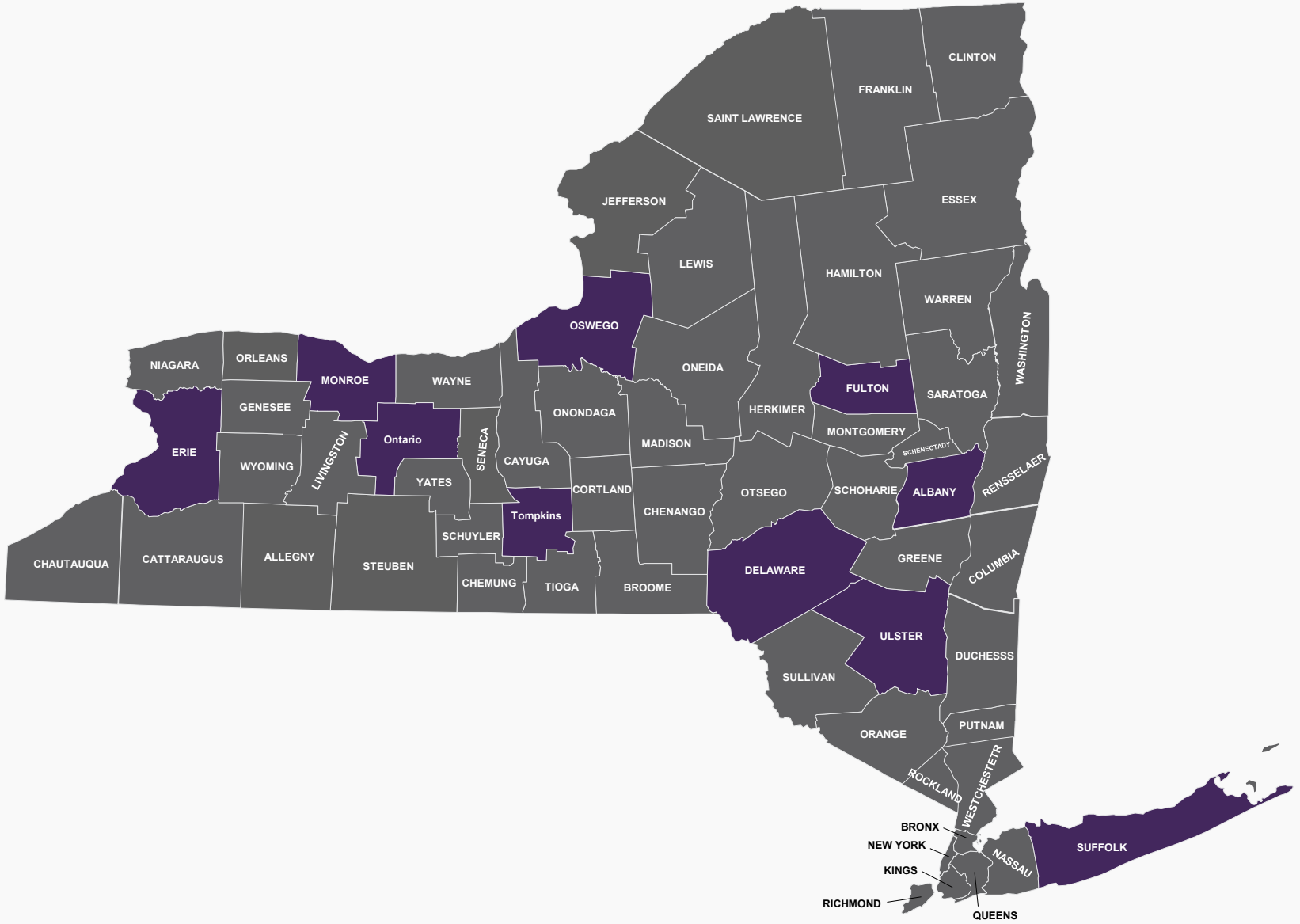
Climate Adaptation Mini-Grants 2026 Evaluation

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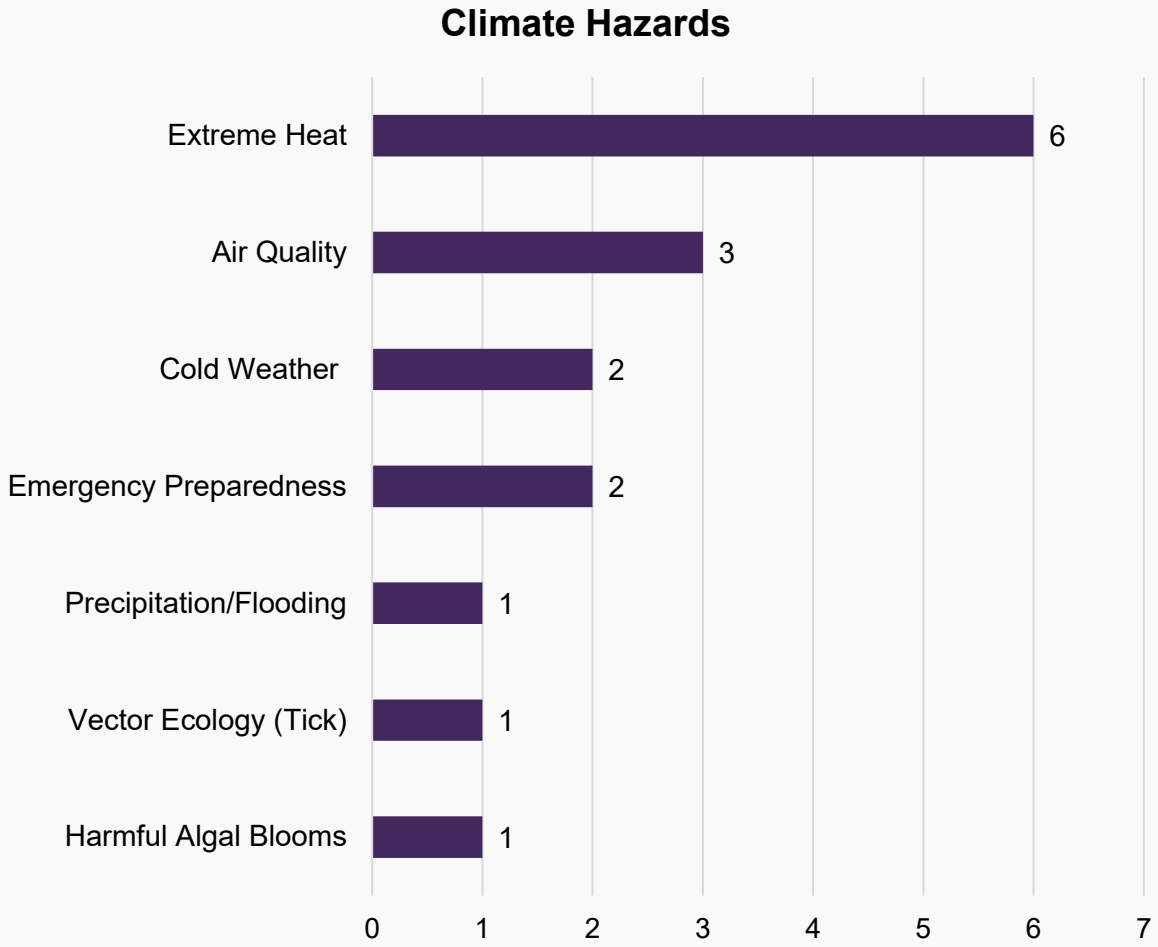
GRANTEE BACKGROUND

County	Population
Delaware County	44,305
Fulton County	52,216
Tompkins County	104,047
Ontario County	113,130
Oswego County	118,569
Ulster County	183,330
Albany County	321,225
Monroe County	750,506
Erie County	946,741
Suffolk County	1,546,090



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Health Impacts or Climate Impacts Addressed

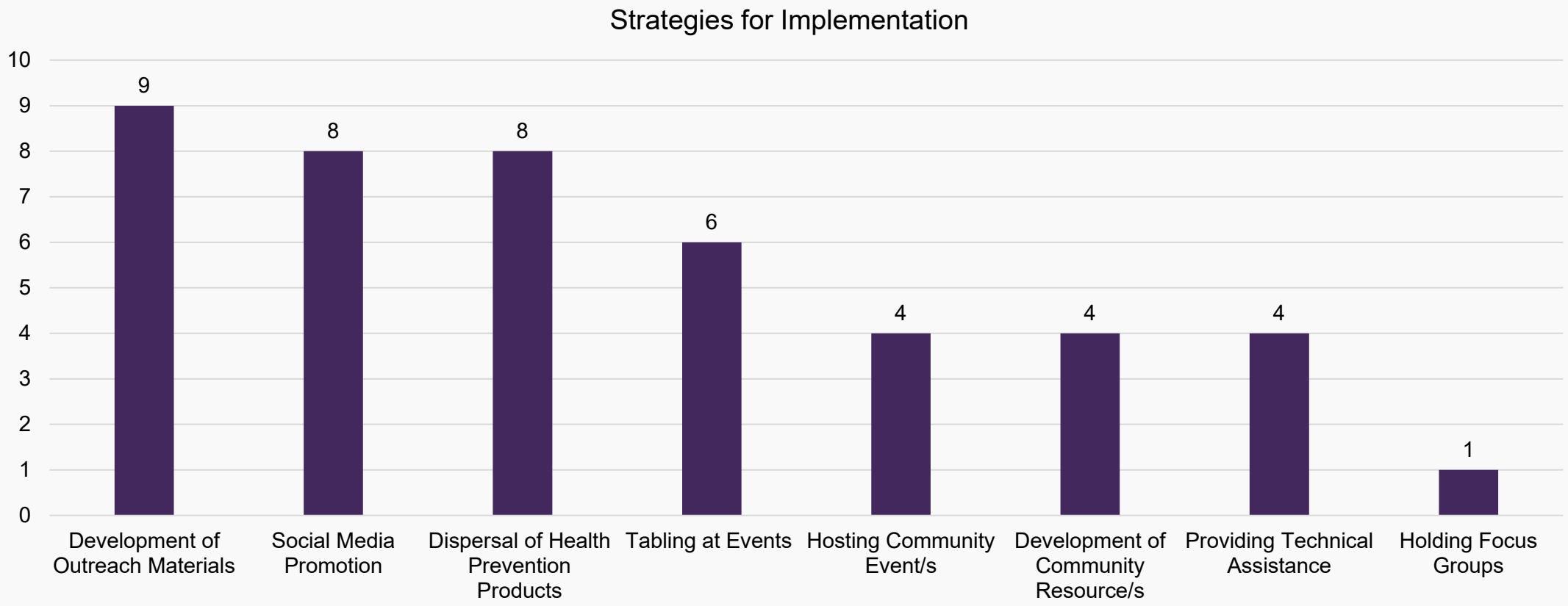
- Heat Related Illness
- Asthma and Respiratory Illnesses
- Hyperthermia
- Injury
- Vector-borne Disease

Most projects addressed multiple hazards.

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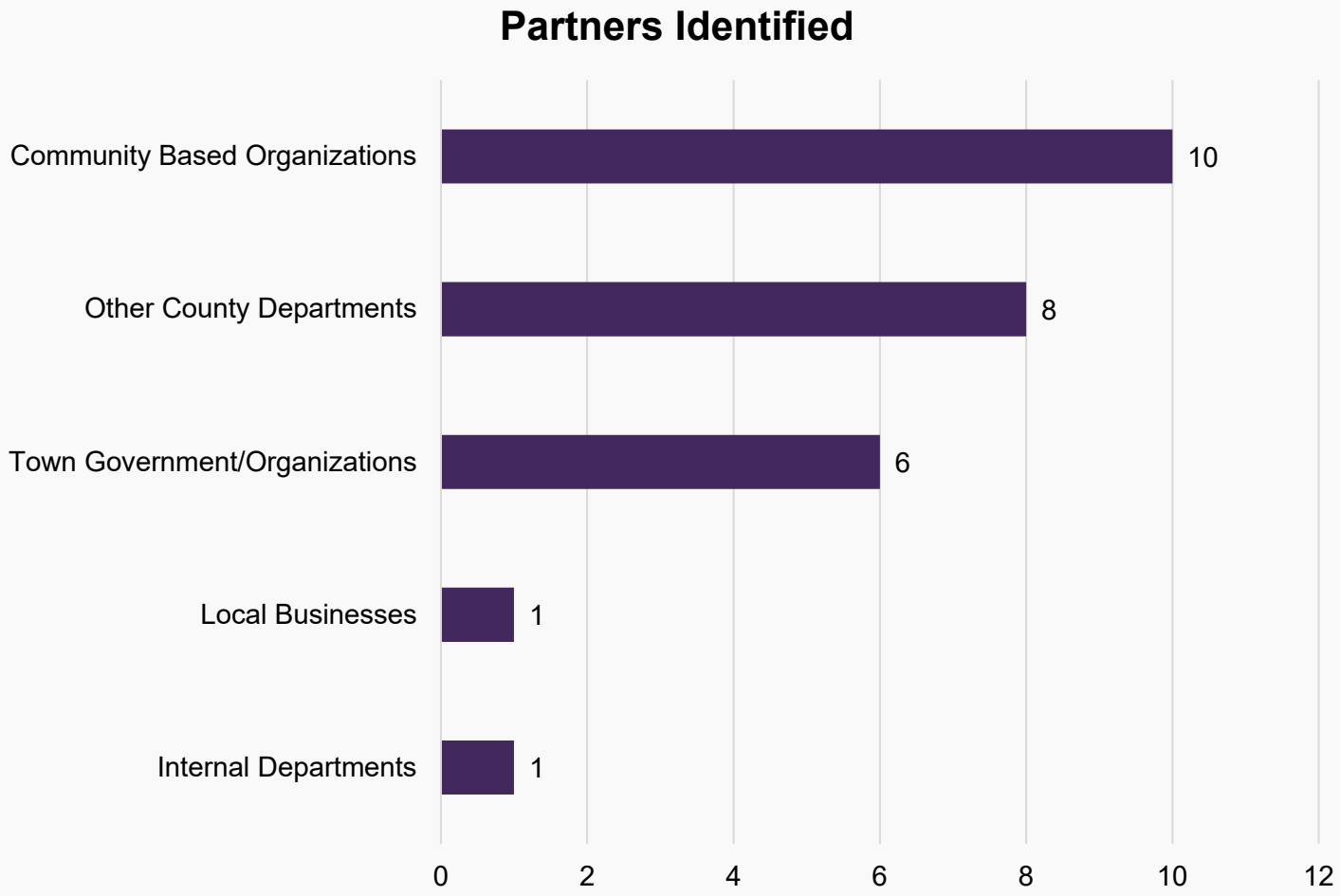
STRATEGIES

Projects included implementing workshops and trainings and hosting community events.



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STAKEHOLDERS/PARTNERS



All LHDs partnered with at least one community-based organization.

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CHALLENGES



Environment/Weather



Supply Delays



Approval



Lack of Time



Messaging



Reaching and Engaging



Diverse Partner Engagement/Coordination



Staffing/Funding Concerns



Limited Participation



Challenges identified the most.

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HEALTH EQUITY

Populations Addressed

Older Adults
Low-Income
Children
People Who Are Experiencing Housing Instability
People Who Use Drugs

- Delaware County Public Health provided extreme weather workshops and starter emergency preparedness to-go bags to older adults and people who use drugs.
- Albany County Department of Health's Division of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Performance Management (PHEP-PM) developed a standardized Heat and Air Quality Safety Training Curriculum tailored for children.
- Ontario County Public Health created accessible Climate Resource Centers to support residents most vulnerable to heat, cold, and housing instability.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 68 educational resources were utilized
- Most resources came from the CDC or NYSDOH

Types of Materials

- Flyers
- Signs
- Brochures
- Social Media
- Websites
- Surveys
- Workshop Materials







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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

31 Objectives Achieved

- Tompkins County created and distributed HABs educational materials to short term renters for renters to be informed about safe lake use.
- Monroe County Produce and distribute at least 750 multilingual educational materials in English, Spanish, Nepali/Indic and Somali on preventing moisture intrusion, mold growth and indoor asthma triggers.
- Suffolk County increased awareness of tick-borne illnesses and tick safety among nature walk attendees following tick-focused nature walks by 75%.
- Erie County distributed 200-250 portable USB misting fans and extreme heat preparedness information to members of underserved communities during community engagement efforts at Delavan Grider Community Center to increase engagement with the public extreme heat survey.

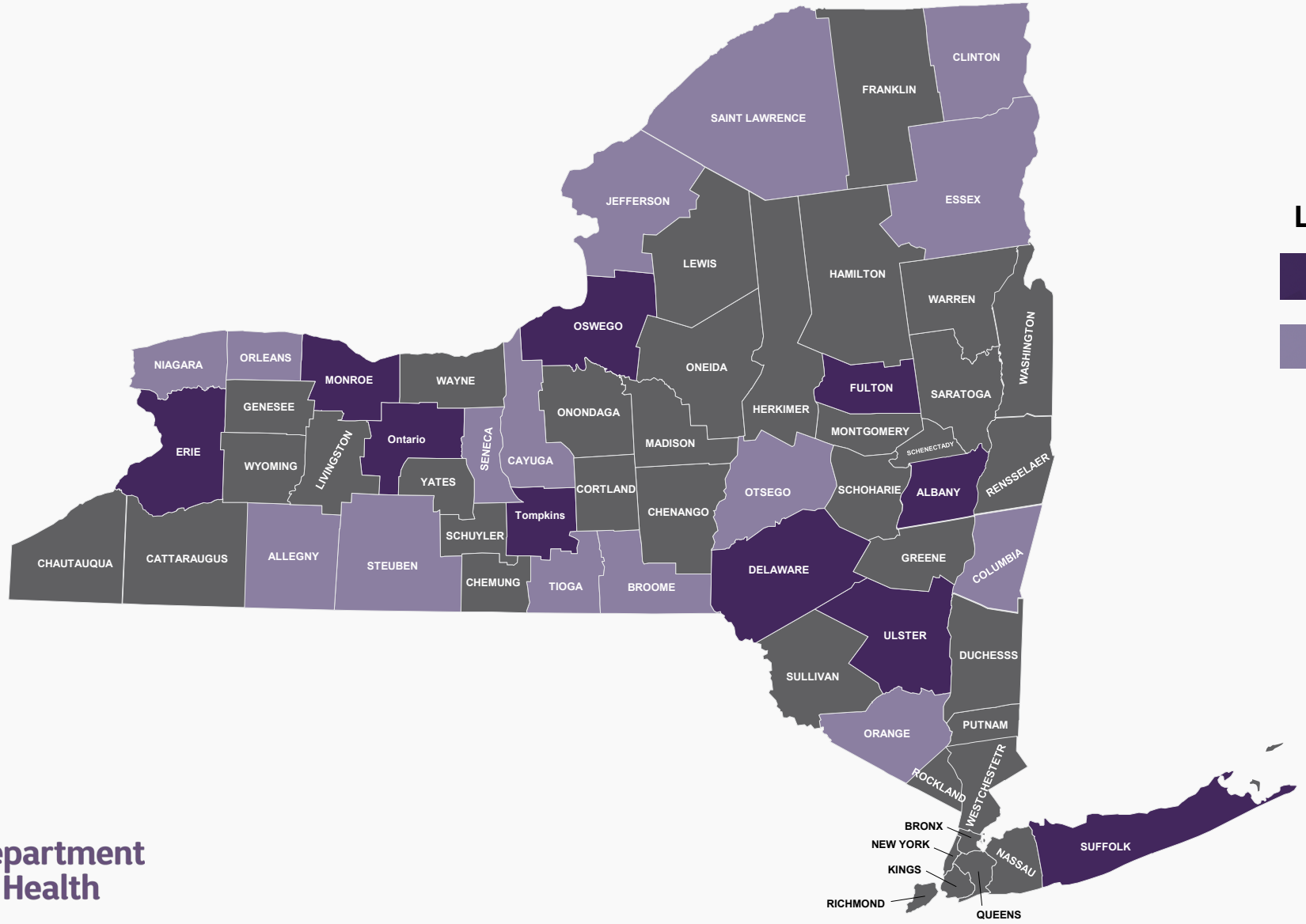
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LESSONS LEARNED

- Strong community partnerships are vital to the success of our work.
- Build in more time for translation and redesign of printed materials when using multiple languages.
- Collect race and ethnicity data and other demographic data to improve data quality and to be able to better adapt interventions.
- Strong leadership support played a key role in success.
- Collaborate with individuals or agencies that are viewed as trusted sources within those communities.
- The type and style of language used in conveying information to the public is very important.

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CLIMATE ADAPTATION GRANTEES 2023-2025

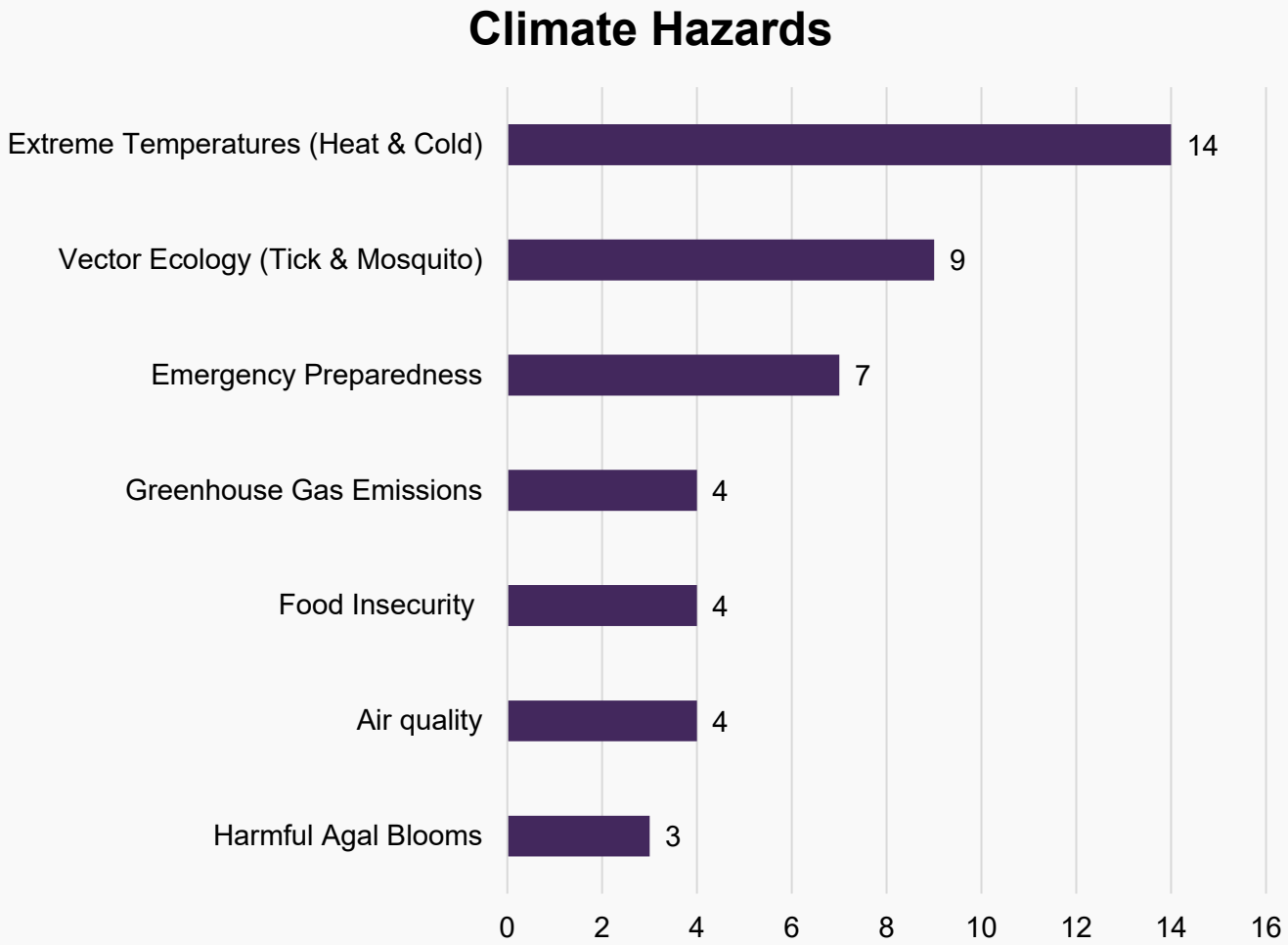


Legend

- 2026 Grantees
- Grantees From Previous Years

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CLIMATE ADAPTATION GRANTEES 2023-2025



Accomplishments

- 109 objectives completed
- 218 educational resources utilized to implement projects

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