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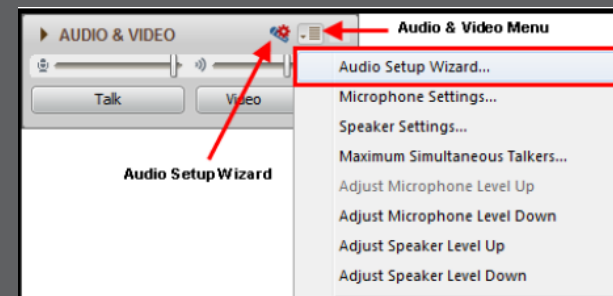
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Measuring Success: SPR Framework Review

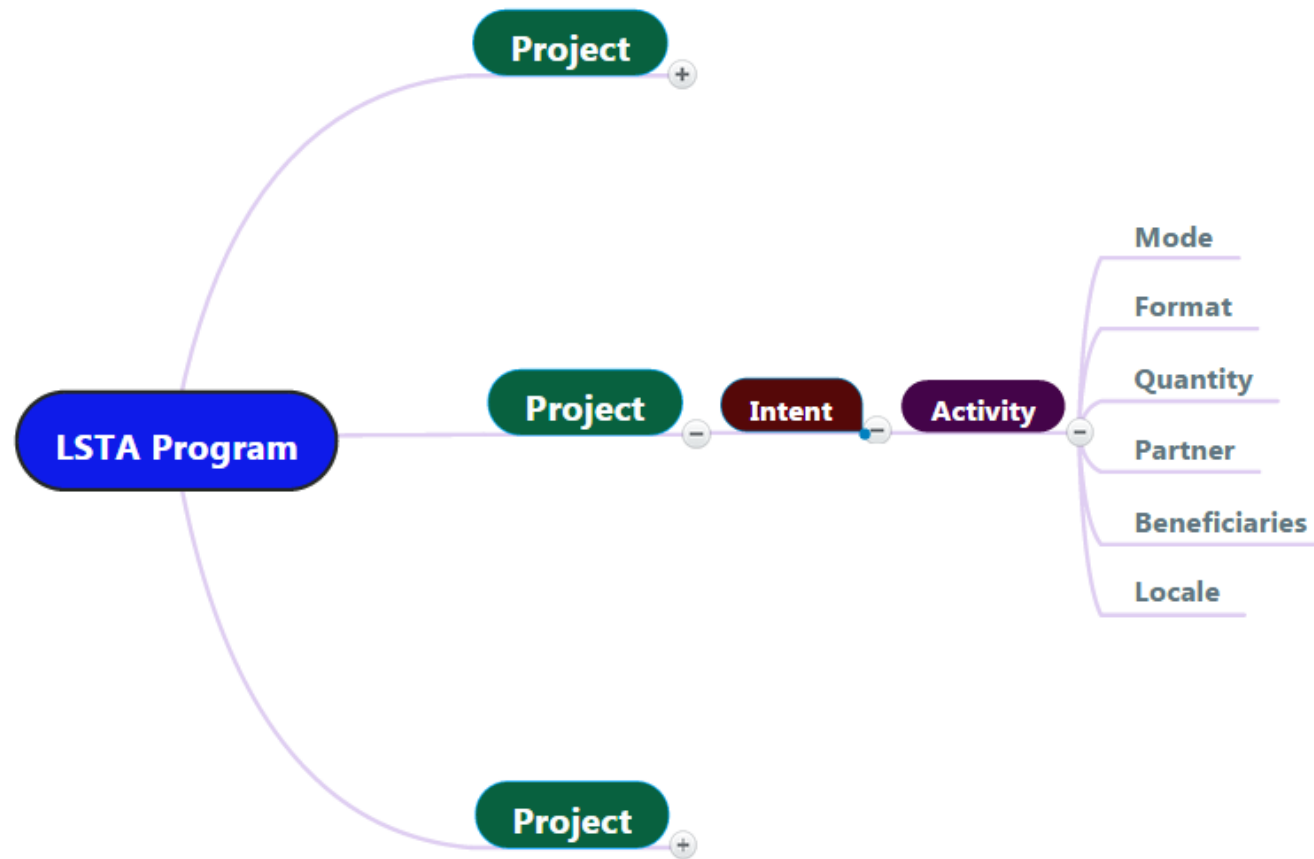




Overview

- Welcome & Introduction
- Review of reporting concepts
- Intents
- Activities
- Quantities
- Subjects & Tags
- Abstracts

Review: Projects



Review: Projects

What is a project?

- Set of discrete and interdependent activities carried out to achieve an intended outcome
- Contains allocable resources (e.g., dollars spent, people responsible for accomplishing tasks, venue or service location(s), time spent)

Review: Intents

Each Project is assigned one Intent

- An objective or expected result in a project.
- Intents are mapped to the six focal areas

Focal Area	Intent(s)
Lifelong Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve users' formal education• Improve users' general knowledge and skills
Information Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve users' ability to discover information resources.• Improve users' ability to obtain and/or use information resources.

Review: Intents

Focal Area	Intent(s)
Institutional Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the library workforce• Improve the library's physical and technological infrastructure• Improve library operations
Employment & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve users' ability to use resources and apply information for employment support• Improve users' ability to use and apply business resources

Review: Intents

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Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their personal, family, or household finances• Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their personal or family health & wellness• Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their parenting and family skills
Civic engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve users' ability to participate in their community• Improve users' ability to participate in community conversations around topics of concern

Review: Activities

- Action(s) through which the intent of a project is accomplished.
- Activity Types:

Instruction	Involves an interaction for knowledge or skill transfer.
Content	Involves the acquisition, development, or transfer of information.
Planning/Evaluation	Involves design, development, or assessment of operations, services, or resources.
Procurement	Involves purchasing facilities, equipment/supplies, hardware/software, or other materials (not content) that support general library infrastructure.

Review: Activities

Procurement

- Only available for “Institutional Capacity” Intents:
 - Improve the library workforce
 - Improve the library’s physical and technological infrastructure
 - Improve library operations
- Many purchases are not “Procurement” Activity
 - Purchasing databases = “Content – Acquisition” Activity
 - Purchasing laptops for learning lab = “Instruction” Activity
 - Subscription to data collection service = “Content – Creation” Activity

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Example 2

How many activities would be included in this project?

- A. 1 activity:** Activity A) *Information Access for West Dakotans (Content – Acquisition)*
- B. 2 activities:** Activity A) *Databases (Content – Acquisition)*; Activity B) *Training for Librarians (Instruction – Program)*
- C. 3 activities:** Activity A) *Databases (Content – Acquisition)*; Activity B) *Training for Librarians (Instruction – Program)*; Activity C) *Survey (Planning & Evaluation)*
- D. 5 activities:** Activity A) *Purchase of Databases (Content – Acquisition)*; Activities B – E) *Training for Librarians reported by session (Instruction – Program)*

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Quantity Tips

- Instruction – Program

- (# of Sessions) X (# of times administered) = total # of events

- Average # in attendance = (Total participants) / total events

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Quantity Tips

Content – Creation

- Number of items digitized
 - An item is a “work” e.g., a book, a newspaper, a map, a score, or an album



Questions?



Subjects & Project Tags

Subjects

- Further describe the project's "Intent"
- At least one and no more than two subjects are chosen after selecting the "Intent"

Project Tags

- Free text field to further categorize projects
- Use unique terms
- May enter up to 3, separate by commas

Project Tags

Tags for Areas of Interest to IMLS

- Gaming
- Making
- New Americans
- Promise Zones*
- Summer Meals
- Veterans

*map of Promise Zones is available at <http://tinyurl.com/msraxrz>

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The state has suffered one of the highest unemployment rates in the country through 2015. Learning Express Library provides career and education test preparation and includes tutorials and eBooks for students and job seekers. Resources include practice tests for professional certification exams, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), college entrance exams, graduate school entrance exams and much more. In 2015, 4,241 tests, 953 tutorials, and 1,317 eBooks were downloaded through the service.

As an ethnically diverse state, one out of five speak a language other than English. Mango Languages provides online language courses in over 60 different languages for English speakers and 17 courses for speakers of other languages to learn English. Mango Languages enables any citizen in the state seeking to learn a language, whether a foreign language for English speakers or English for non-English speakers or those with limited English proficiency. In addition, Mango Languages fosters understanding of other cultures through language and the cultural resources included in the product. Mango Languages is used in schools to supplement language learning, by adults seeking to learn a language for business or pleasure, and job seekers who need to improve their English proficiency. In 2015, users logged 15,054 sessions on Mango Languages; each session averaged 14 minutes.

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Reminders / Tips

- One “Intent” will be assigned to each project
- Up to two “Subjects” may be selected for each project

Reminders / Tips

Reporting Subawards in the SPR

- Individual subawards of \$5,000 or less may be combined together in a single project report if they:
 - Support a single Intent;
 - Cover the same subjects; AND
 - Target similar beneficiaries.

Reminders / Tips

FFATA Requirement

- Subawards of \$25,000 or more must be reported in <http://fsrs.gov>

Reminders / Tips

Conference Attendance = “Instruction – Other” (Activity Type)

Use position titles instead of library staff names in narratives

In budget descriptions, describe both LSTA and Match expenditures

Reminders / Tips

Project Titles

- Write for general public
- Should be unique
- Should avoid jargon

Reminders / Tips

- **Mentors Update**

- **Documentation**

<http://stateprograms.imls.gov/NewProgramReport.htm>

(username: lsta / password: statepgms55)

Reminders

- Sandbox is available for testing and training:
<http://imls-testspr.imls.gov>

Reporting Deadlines

- FY 2015 Report (all projects and Final FSR)
 - **December 29, 2016**
- FY 2016 Interim FFR
 - **December 30, 2016**

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