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# Measuring Success: Subgrants





#### Overview

- Welcome & Introduction
- Brief Review from January 21<sup>st</sup> Webinar
- What is a subaward?
- Examples
- What's Next



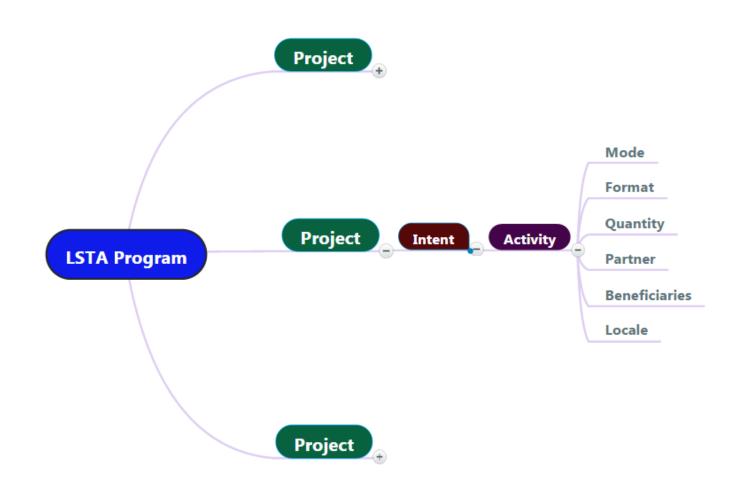
#### Review

#### Goals

- Build more dynamic/easy-to-use tool to capture better Grants to States data
- Standardize reporting process to increase comparability of project reports
- Highlight (and learn from) projects that are rigorously assessed
- Share information to facilitate SLAA peer learning;
  - build a catalogue of library program information;
  - improve data for policy analysis and in-depth evaluation work



## **Review: Projects**





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#### 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
- For example:

Focal Area	Intent(s)
Lifelong Learning	<ul><li>Improve users' formal education</li><li>Improve users' general knowledge and skills</li></ul>
Information Access	<ul> <li>Improve users' ability to discover information resources.</li> <li>Improve users' ability to obtain and/or use information resources.</li> </ul>

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#### **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**

#### Activity Level information includes:

- Beneficiaries
- Locales



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#### FFATA Requirement

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



#### Reporting in the new 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.



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- A. 1 project: Project A) Summer Reading in West Dakota
- B. **3 projects**: Project A) Summer Reading Manuals; Project B) Summer Reading Programs; Project C) Books for Summer Reading
- **C. 41 projects**: Project A) *Summer Reading Manuals*; Projects by individual library for programming and materials.
- D. 2 projects: Project A) Summer Reading Manuals and Project B) Subawards for Programs and/or Books



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- 6 for Workforce Development Resources;
- 2 for Financial Literacy Resources;
- 7 for Parenting Skills Resources.

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- A. 1 Project: Project A) Strengthening Library Collections
- B. **3 Projects**: Project A) Workforce Development, Project B) Financial Literacy, Project C) Parenting Skills
- C. 15 Projects: Projects reported by Library



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  Project B) Financial

  Literacy, Project C)

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### **Tips**

- One "Intent" will be assigned to each project
- Up to two "Subjects" may be selected for each project
- Subawards of \$5,000 or less may be aggregated into one project for reporting (if they support the same "Intent").
- When multiple subawards are reported as a single project, subrecipients will be identified as "locales" under an activity.



### Additional Support

#### **Upcoming Webinars**

- March 18, 2015: "State Efforts"
- Additional Sessions TBD

#### **In-Person Convening**

April (date TBD)

#### **Documentation**

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

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